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## SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION CALLED IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, APRIL 24TH

A special session of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention is hereby called by Dr. L. G. Gates, President of the Convention, to meet in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, Thursday morning at 9:30 A. M., April 24, 1930, in accordance with the advice of the other officers of the Convention.

The purpose of the special session is as follows:

First, to consider the advisability of discontinuing Clarke College, Newton, Mississippi.

Second, to consider, and if deemed advisable, authorize the sale of the Clarke College property to the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, now located in Jackson, Mississippi, or such other disposition as may be deemed expedient.

Third, the removal of the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage from Jackson, Mississippi, to Newton, Mississippi.

Fourth, to consider, and if deemed advisable, authorize the sale of the property known as the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage property in the First District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

Incidentally, the special session will elect a Board of Trustees for the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage to succeed the Board which recently resigned. The first duty of the new Board will be the selection of a Superintendent to succeed Brother W. E. Thompson, who resigned with the Orphanage Board, but at their request continues until his successor has been elected.

The special session was by no means called for the purpose of electing a new Board of Trustees, but as this session was deemed advisable, the Executive Committee of the Baptist State Convention Board to whom the Orphanage work was transferred by the retiring Orphanage Board of Trustees thought best to leave the election of the new Board to this special session.

Churches throughout the State are requested to select messengers to attend the special session of the Convention.

The Constitution of the Convention provides that messengers are to be selected on the following basis, according to article three of the Constitution:

"This Convention shall be composed of messengers from Baptist churches in Mississippi which cooperate with the Convention in its work in the following ratio: Each church shall be entitled to one messenger for the first one hundred or fraction thereof of its membership and one messenger for each additional one hundred members or major fraction thereof."

Churches may call a special meeting for the purpose of selecting their messengers. Only messengers selected by the churches are entitled to vote in the conventions.

Messengers to the special session will please make their own arrangements for entertainment, bearing in mind that the hotels are now crowded. The special session, however, should not last for more than one day and many can reach the session by leaving home in the forenoon.

L. G. Gates, President  
A. Polk, Vice-President  
Ernest Hawkins, Vice-President  
W. E. Lee, Recording Secretary  
R. B. Gunter, Treasurer.

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Pastor J. D. Franks is preaching to his people in First Church, Columbus, a series of sermons on Pentecost.

Mr. Virgil Posey can be had for meetings in April or May as a song leader. His address is Jackson, Miss., care Calvary Baptist Church.

Dr. A. H. Mason of the English Department in Howard College is now writing the editorial review page in the Alabama Baptist. He has made a pleasing start, and will be a strong support to Dr. Gwaltney.

The meeting in Calvary Church, Jackson, in which Dr. R. G. Lee is assisting Pastor H. M. King, grows in interest and power. Sunday the large auditorium overflowed into the galleries and vestibule. There were fifty additions to the church on that day, thirty of them for baptism.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, through which all contributions to Southwide objects now pass, reports receipts for March totaling \$93,959.08, of which amount \$80,934.14 was distributed according to the co-operative program, and the rest was designated. Of this \$5,957 was from Mississippi. We notice that all that was received was distributed and none held in the treasury. Beside what was sent to the Executive Committee, the Home Board and the Baptist Bible Institute report over \$4,000 sent direct to them.

Pastor J. H. Cothen had brother Atley J. Cooper to lead the singing for him in a meeting at Piave last week. There were forty-two additions to the church, 24 of them by baptism. Brother Cothen has been pastor here for three years and has had with him some of the best evangelists in great meetings, but this has been possibly the most fruitful of them all. Everybody in the Baptist Church and the other churches showed a fine spirit of cooperation. Three services were held in the town out in the woods where the timber is being cut. Here they reached both the white people and the Negroes. Brother Cooper says a Negro preached one day the greatest sermon he ever heard, on "I Am The Way". Nearly everybody was in tears. Brother Cooper is now in a meeting in the Great Southern Lumber Camps near Georgetown.



## BAPTIST ASSETS

(W. A. Sullivan)

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8.

One of the most hurtful mistakes Christian people ever make is that of adversely criticising each other. One sometimes thinks that we Baptists more often than any other people have made that mistake. Of course mistakes must sometimes be pointed out. Adverse criticism may become necessary. If so, it ought to be done at the right time, in the right way, and in the right spirit.

Liabilities are not always an indication of bad business management. On the other hand, liabilities may be an index to the integrity, the good name, and "good will" of a business man, or business institution, or even a religious body or denominational institution.

Yet no business man or business institution will ever succeed who advertises by **complaining about his liabilities**. He must advertise his product. He must increase and magnify his assets.

During the past few years we Baptists, unconsciously no doubt, have been magnifying our liabilities. We have in our imagination made molehills into mountains. We have thought and said too little about our assets. "Whatsoever things are good," if there be anything praiseworthy, let us "think on these things."

Now our Southern Baptist Assets, from a human standpoint, comprise (1) our Baptist history, (2) our Baptist people and their material possessions, and (3) our distinctive Baptist principles. However much one would like to do so, space forbids even the briefest recital of the facts of our glorious past. Let us therefore begin by calling attention to some recent Southern Baptist statistics.

At the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis last year there were reported 24,274 cooperating churches with a total membership of approximately four million members. For the year 1928 Southern Baptists reported 183,020 baptisms, or an average of 500 baptisms for each day of the year.

On April 30, 1929, our Foreign Mission Board owed \$802,560.88. On the same date our Home Board owed \$992,752.43. A grand total indebtedness on these two boards approximating two million dollars. We have advertised that fact to our own hurt. We have written and talked and preached about it until it seems to have become an obsession with us. We seem to be in danger of developing a kind of inferiority complex. But let us go on with our statistics.

While our Home Mission Board about a year ago had an indebtedness of nearly one million dollars, at the same time it had an excess of assets over liabilities in the sum of \$992,753.43. On the same date the Sunday School Board at Nashville, under the wise and efficient management of Dr. I. J. Van Ness reported net assets in the sum of \$1,924,430.00.

Thirty years ago Southern Baptists gave for all purposes the sum of \$3,456,013.93 annually. During our last Convention year we gave \$39,927,910.28—more than five million dollars in excess of what we gave the best year of the Seventy Five Million Campaign.

Thus it will be seen that our gifts to religious work have steadily increased during the last thirty years. However, during the last four years our gifts to missions, education, and benevolences have been decreasing. The main reason for this decrease is, I think, that all over the South our churches have been building houses and educational plants which must be paid for. I do not believe our people are losing interest in Missions, Education, and Benevolences. Last Convention year we gave for those causes the sum of \$7,402,788.48, or nearly twice as much as we were giving for all purposes thirty years ago.

In the Minutes of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention for 1928-1929 the following interesting items with reference to our schools and colleges appear: "Number schools and colleges, 99; enrollment regular term, 29,403; Summer school enrollment, 10,545; number ministerial students, 2,086; value of school property, 40,136,689.17; total endowment reported, \$19,968,762.55; total property and endowment, \$60,123,451.72."

In this connection the writer of this article takes occasion to say that he is not in favor of abandoning or demoting any of our schools. Here in Mississippi every one of our schools ought to be adequately endowed to meet any requirement which may arise at this point. We can do it when we get our heads and hearts together and work out a unified educational policy.

Southern Baptists have twenty-six hospitals with a property value of \$15,122,240. Last year these hospitals treated 81,921 patients. Of these 11,591 were charity patients. The total amount expended on charity patients for the year was \$695,278.46.

We have eighteen orphanages with property valued at \$5,740,971.00. Last year we cared for nearly five thousand orphaned children.

Of course there is some indebtedness on some of our schools, hospitals, etc. Yet the total indebtedness of Southern Baptists in comparison with their assets is but a mere bagatelle. God has been good to us. He has made us stewards of much of this world's goods. It has been estimated by reliable, conservative statisticians that if four million Southern Baptists would give a tenth of their incomes we could place in the treasury of our Lord one hundred fifty million dollars per year—nearly four times as much as we paid to all purposes last year.

But after all, our assets are not composed chiefly of our institutions and money. Of far more value than these are our great historic Baptist Principles. Perhaps chief among these is **Liberty of Conscience**. Freedom in religion. Leave every man, woman, and child free to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

Some Baptists while preaching that principle have violated it in practice. They are extremely dogmatic and want to "put out of the synagogue" all who disagree with them. Any man who really understands and holds to the principle of religious liberty is more than tolerant toward those who may not agree with him. He rejoices in the fellowship of any man anywhere who is honestly trying to find the truth.

A corollary of the principle of religious liberty is **A Free Church in a Free State**. That is an American principle. Baptists gave that idea to America. America is giving it to the world. The idea of a State church is a mediaeval anachronism which persists in Europe today. But if Baptists will magnify their assets as they ought for one hundred years there will be no such thing as a State church on this earth.

Finally there is the principle of an **Open Bible**. It can be said at the risk of seeming to boast that Baptists have led all other people in giving the world an open Bible. This is said not unmindful that Martin Luther led the Reformation of the sixteenth century, and that King James ordered the translation of the King James Version.

We hold that the Bible is our only and sufficient rule of faith and practice. We believe that everyone has a right under God to prayerfully read the Bible, interpret it according to his own best light, and to govern his religious faith and practice accordingly. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God "Profitable for doctrine, for correction, for reproof, and for correction in righteousness."

Liberty of Conscience—A Free Church in a Free State—An Open Bible. These are three great historic Baptist principles. They commend themselves to the rational and religious instincts of mankind. They are invincible. They, together with our great constituency of four million souls, are our greatest assets from a human point of view.

The wide world is waiting for our Baptist message. Of course, there are giants, walled

cities, and Amalekites in the land. But God is still on His throne, and His kingdom ruleth over all. May we never "beat a retreat." "We are well able." Let us quit finding fault and hanging crepe. Let us magnify our assets.

## A TRUE STORY ABOUT WOMAN'S COLLEGE

An old man and his wife have for years brought a basket to the back door of the Woman's College to receive a few leftovers to help them maintain themselves. Once when the management of the College changed in a business way, someone spoke to the new business manager and suggested to him that it was a waste to partially feed this old couple. At Mrs. Johnson's insistence, however, he decided to let them have their usual food. About this time a good friend of the college gave Mrs. Johnson over \$2,000 to finish up some repairs. The morning after she received this check, she went in to the business office and said, "I have come to pay board for my old couple." The manager said, "Oh, that is perfectly all right. I thought I told you that it was all right." She said, "You did, and I appreciate that, but I have the money and I prefer to pay it." Then the large check was displayed and the question was asked, "Where did all this money come from?" She answered "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," and the Lord paid up today."

## GLAD AND GRATEFUL

May I say that my heart was made to rejoice over the turn affairs took in the Orphanage situation? I had been really distressed over the matter. I had not dared to speak out in condemnation of anybody. But I had been praying over the matter.

Good men differed sharply. I saw the possibilities of great harm to the Orphanage and to the brotherhood of our beloved denomination. But what a heroic deed these brethren have done! Will the rest of us be as ready to make peace offerings for the common good? I don't see how anybody with the grace of God in his heart could wish to make even an unkind reference to the matter or to anyone connected with it. Let us praise God that Christian men can overcome the gravest difficulties and preserve the spirit of unity in the bond of peace. Let's praise God for His goodness to the children of men, and be much in prayer for a revival of the power of the Holy Spirit in our efforts to bring in the Kingdom of our blessed Lord. I think I see indications of the coming of that revival for which we are praying.

With Christian love to the Brotherhood in Christ Jesus,

—J. P. Williams.

## THE PRAYING HABIT

In a three-page typewritten letter, Brother J. B. Chastain makes some wise suggestions to his son, a student in our Louisville Seminary. A copy of the letter fell into the hands of one of our students, Brother Ramsey Pollard. He was kind enough to send it to me.

An effort to answer honestly six questions in the letter has been a blessing to me. Believing that a similar exercise might help others, I am passing it along. Here are the six questions:

1. Do I pray?
2. Where do I pray?
3. When do I pray?
4. How long do I pray daily?
5. What do I talk about when I pray?
6. Why do I pray?

If any man will write down honest answers to these six questions, I think it will be both a revelation and a blessing to him. It was to me. —J. D. R., in S. W. Evangel.

We are glad to hear that brother J. A. Lee recently underwent successfully a second operation at Rochester, Minn. He has yet before him days and perhaps weeks of testing, but he and his good wife are bearing up bravely in fine Christian spirit. His friends will be glad to remember him before the throne of grace.



## Housetop and Inner Chamber

Automobile production for January 1930, was 32 per cent less than in Jan. 1929.

Dean Crumb will serve as acting president of Oklahoma Baptist University beginning June 1.

The Word and Way says: "There are between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 of our brightest American women who are now making their living in whole or in part in business careers which are utterly incompatible with being a wife, a mother and the keeper of a home.

Contributions were made from the Slater Fund to three colleges for colored people in Mississippi in 1929. A gift of \$900.00 was made to Jackson College, and of \$1,350.00 to each of two Methodist schools in Holly Springs. Jackson College is a Baptist school with 425 students.

The Associational Minutes for Attala County show 31 churches with a membership of 3,639, eighteen churches reporting baptisms to the number of 126. Fifteen churches have Sunday Schools; six have B. Y. P. U.'s. The total contributed to missions was \$5,126.63, Kosciusko First Church contributing \$2,645.75.

Big Brother Fred Long has served as Sunday School Secretary for the inter-denominational forces in Mississippi for 22 years. Recently he was re-elected by the Executive Committee for another term of four years. This record is hard to parallel in the annals of religious workers in the State. Everybody is his friend and believes in his religion.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, for many years a leader in the Democratic party is demanding again the resignation of Raskob from the chairmanship of the National Democratic Committee. He says that Raskob, long a Republican, is now contributing to an organization which is working for the election of wet Republicans and the defeat of Dry Democrats.

Pastoral changes: J. H. Hughes, of Columbus, Ohio, becomes pastor of First Church, Chattanooga. W. D. Wyatt accepts call to Columbus, Texas. H. S. Gill goes from Sealy to Beasley, Texas. J. A. Clark goes from Covington, Tenn., to Monroe, Ga. J. H. Barnes resigns at Garland to accept a call to Rose Hill, N. C. J. B. Hill resigns his pastorate in New Port News to become Associate Secretary of the Virginia Board of Missions and Education.

There are fifteen churches shown in Marshall County, according to the Associational Minutes. They have a membership of 1744. There were 116 baptisms last year, six of the churches reporting none. Four of the churches own pastor's homes. All have church houses, whose total value is \$65,000. Contributions for local objects were \$10,405.86, and for missions \$3,988.46. The largest number of baptisms was reported by the church at Alexandria, 25. The largest contribution to missions by the church at Holly Springs, \$1,640.68.

Lauderdale County Association is composed of 32 churches in and near the city of Meridian. The Clerk has been thoughtful enough to sum up the columns of figures. Ten of the churches report no baptisms. The others report 370 baptisms and 319 additions by letter, 11 received on statement and seven restored. The present membership is 6,856. The total given to missions was \$22,178.14. The total given to all objects was \$106,095.87. The largest number of baptisms was reported from Forty First Ave. Church in Meridian, 100; then 53 in Eighth Ave. and 46 in First Church. The largest gifts to missions were from First Church, \$12,288; then Fifteenth Ave., \$2,582.60; then Southside, \$2,125.88. The largest per capita giving was from Oak Grove, with Poplar Springs coming second.

The National Arts Club of 13 Gramercy Park, New York, is offering a \$3,000 prize for the best literary work on "The Soul of America". Write them if interested.

At the annual meeting of the National Tuberculosis Association the statement was made that tuberculosis had greatly increased among girls, due to smoking, late hours and inadequate diet.

Mr. Waldo E. Bailey, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Bailey, of Jackson, becomes vice consul at Montevideo, Uruguay. He has been in the consular service in Mexico and recently, after a serious spell of illness, visited his old home in Jackson.

Pastor J. W. Hickerson has resigned the care of First Church, Weatherford, Texas, effective May 1, and will for a while at least, engage in evangelistic work. He is well known in Mississippi as an evangelist and as pastor at Durant.

"The growing opportunities of the present, and the almost unlimited challenge of the future which lie at the door of the Baptist Bible Institute make it probably the greatest single institutional missionary challenge in America today."—Dr. H. L. Winburn.

First Church of Oklahoma City in response to the appeal of Pastor T. L. Holcomb passed a resolution making provision for a new building for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work. They might have known when they got Holcomb, that would have to come. The building will cost \$100,000.

The new building of First Church, Atlanta, will be opened on April 20; and dedicated on April 27. It occupies a square with 400 feet frontage on each side. The lot is covered with beautiful shade trees. In all the cost was nearly \$1,000,000. Two sisters gave a four manual pipe organ as a memorial to former deacon W. W. Orr. Two of the speakers for the opening week are former pastor Chas. W. Daniel and Dr. M. E. Dodd.

Last week we had a most interesting article in the series on Suggestions to Preachers by laymen. It was written by one who believes in preachers in spite of some unfortunate contacts. Our preachers are willing for their weak points to be revealed to them, and that unworthy preachers should be exposed and condemned. We have the promise of at least two more articles from other laymen, and we hope they will be "just as good".

The Minutes of Deer Creek Association give a full page memorial to Judge R. B. Campbell, long an active member of that body. There are eleven churches reporting. There were 124 baptisms during the year which is a high average. Only two churches report no baptisms. Hollandale reports 44, Isola 20 and Greenville 19. There were over 200 additions by letter. There is a total membership of 2,469. Gifts to missions were \$12,850.03, the church at Leland contributing the largest amount, \$6,818.60.

Pastor C. J. Olander reports a successful institute at Brandon, March 30 to April 6. Sunday night a playlet was given, "Heroine of Ava" by the B. Y. P. U., and brother Bryan Simmons preached. On Monday night Dr. H. M. King spoke on Evangelism. Tuesday night brother R. B. Patterson spoke on "The Value of One". Monday night brother G. C. Hodge spoke on Stewardship. Thursday night Dr. Gunter spoke on State Missions and Stewardship. Friday night Supt. Wayne Alliston spoke on "Seeking The Lost". Saturday brother J. E. Byrd spoke on Enlistment, Equipment and Evangelism. There were 175 at Sunday School, the largest attendance in the history of the church. There were seven additions to the church on Sunday, five by letter and two for baptism.

Pastor Louie D. Newton began his second year as pastor of Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, last Sunday. His ministry is being greatly blessed.

Dr. Ray Palmer is acting pastor of Hill Crest Church of Columbus, Ohio, from which Dr. J. E. Hughes went to be pastor of First Church, Chattanooga.

The Committee on Nominations appointed by the last State Convention to report in 1930 are as follows: W. A. Hewitt, W. R. Cooper, H. R. Holcomb, B. H. Lovelace and R. D. Pearson. It will be the business of these men to nominate those for whom the special session of the Convention shall vote as members of the board of trustees of the Orphanage.

The Baptists of Birmingham have invited the Southern Baptist Convention to meet with them in 1931. They say the Convention has not met there since 1891 when the Sunday School Board was launched upon its great work. We understand that Oklahoma City also invites the Convention.

Rev. J. B. Quin preached the commencement sermon for the consolidated school at Ruth on April, of which Prof. R. R. Walker is superintendent. He also preached, April 13th, the sermon for the consolidated school at Whitesand in Jefferson Davis County, of which Prof. Herd Applewhite is superintendent.

The editor had the pleasure of preaching Sunday morning the commencement sermon for the school at Slate Springs. This community has long held a record for interest in the school, and just now they are heartily supporting the superintendent, Professor Cobb, who is held in high esteem. Prof. Cobb met the train at Grenada and took the preacher out over a pleasant 45 mile trip in spite of two punctures. The next day he landed him safely at Eupora. The interest of the people in their school was evidenced by a crowded congregation at the school building on Sunday morning, many people standing. The editor was glad to meet many old friends and as many new ones. There was a graduating class of thirteen, four young men and nine young women. At least one of the young men, a son of brother Joel Dorroh, is preparing to preach.

### THE PASTORS CALLED TOGETHER FOR PRAYER

(Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.)

The Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in New Orleans, May 14-17, should be epoch-making in its consecration, prayer and missionary spirit. Every meeting and conference, both before and during the Convention, should look to that end and make for that consummation.

With this in view and recognizing that our pastors are the divinely appointed leaders in developing the spiritual life of the denomination, The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is calling upon our pastors to meet in New Orleans on Tuesday, May the 13th, for prayer and conference. The meeting will be in charge of the secretaries of the two Mission Boards. The place of meeting and the program of procedure will be announced later.

The purpose of the meeting is to counsel and pray together about the Heavenly Father's business. It is not a Home Mission Conference, nor is it a Foreign Mission Conference. It is a pastors' meeting for prayer about our denominational work. "Taking Jesus Christ Seriously," will be the theme under consideration. To give ourselves to Him in unconditional surrender for service will be the purpose.

We are urging all of our pastors to attend this meeting. We will find God's Will when we look away from all earthly things and operations and look up in faith and confidence to the "Hills from whence cometh our strength."

Let us meet for a day of prayer that our Heavenly Father will grant to His people an outpouring of His Spirit!



## Editorials

### NOT TO PRAY IS A SIN AGAINST GOD

Samuel said, "Far be it from me that I should sin against Jehovah in ceasing to pray for you". Prayer is not simply a privilege; it is a duty. It is an obligation upon us as the representative of God and as his instruments of blessing. Not to pray is to leave choked and closed the fountains of God's beneficence to a needy world. It is a sin against God. It is not merely to deprive ourselves of blessings; it is not simply to prevent blessings coming to the lives of others; it is to prevent the operation of the grace of God which he has made conditional upon our praying, our asking.

Sin is not primarily a wrong done to one of our fellowbeings; it is not injury to ourselves; it is to grieve the Lord and to thwart his purpose. Surely it greatly grieves the Lord if we do not approach him in prayer. If we deliberately or negligently refrain from coming to him, the Father's heart is grieved. Sin is a grief of soul to God. And not only does he want us to come to him for fellowship with him as his children, but he wants us to come to him in behalf of others. Intercession is supplication for and in the interest of others. Not to be concerned for the welfare of others is the proof of utter selfishness; and selfishness in his children is a grief of soul to God. Any good father or mother would be distressed to see his children concerned only about themselves. Selfishness is the root of sin. God is grieved if we show no concern for the welfare of others. It is a sin thus to grieve him by not praying for others.

Some how the blessings of God are in a measure estopped if we do not pray. The grace of God is bound up with our prayers. By them the flood gates of his mercy are open. In answer to our intercessory prayers the windows of heaven are opened. Not that we persuade God to be gracious, but that he has chosen to make us the instruments of his grace. Not to pray is to hinder the purpose of his grace and the manifestation of his power. It is thus to hinder the work of God and prevent his revelation to men. It is doing God a great wrong. Our Father longs to show his grace and power to a needy world. He does this through the ministry of his saints. No part of their ministry is more powerful, effective and far-reaching than intercession. "Ask of me", he says, "and I will give you the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession".

A little child can touch the switch or spring that sets hundreds of horsepower into operation. God's children have access to him and an invitation, yea a command from him, to ask whatsoever they wish and it shall be done. If the fulness of the blessing of God is not on all our work, it is not his fault; it is ours. The power and the blessing wait upon our asking. If the world is deprived of the gospel and the work of the kingdom halts, it is because we have sinned against God in ceasing to pray.

It is well that a day of prayer has been asked for by our mission secretaries in New Orleans on the day before the Convention assembles, that is on the thirteenth of May. This is good for the cause, and it is hoped that those who go to the Convention will observe the request. But those who do not go may join in the prayer. And none of us need to wait till that time to make intercession.

Dr. John H. Eager is to supply the pulpit of Dr. J. F. Fraser at Central Church, New York City, during the pastor's absence attending the Northern Baptist Convention at Cleveland.

A brother writing in the Religious Herald says he has learned that in the estimation of the political propagandist an "eminent divine" is one who agrees with his politics and a "political parson" is one who does not.

### \$8,000,000 FOR EDUCATION IN MISSISSIPPI

Many readers of the Record have, of course, seen the account in the daily papers of the meeting in Jackson on last Thursday in the interest of the State and denominational colleges in Mississippi. The meeting was the result of interest awakened by Mr. B. B. Jones, president of Field Cooperative Association who for fifteen years has worked unceasingly to help young men and young women in the State secure a college education; and who has not only loaned money to students, but has given more to the colleges than any man who ever lived in Mississippi with the possible exception of the late Major Millsaps, of Jackson.

This editor knows no more of this meeting than what he has read in the papers. He was not present, and did not know of the purpose to hold a meeting of this kind. But we have kept in touch with the previous movements which led up to this meeting, and so have a fair comprehension of its purpose.

It is said that all of the State colleges were represented in the meeting, six in number; and most of the ten denominational colleges. The plan is to make appropriations to the State institutions, that is, induce the legislature to do so, to the amount of \$3,000,000. What is necessary for current expenses to be secured by direct taxation, and the amount necessary for permanent improvements by bond issue.

According to the plan proposed, \$5,000,000 is to be raised by popular contributions to the ten denominational schools in the State, to be divided as follows: The four Baptist schools; Mississippi College, \$625,000, Mississippi Woman's College, \$500,000, Blue Mountain College, \$500,000, Clark College, \$400,000. Also to Belhaven College, (Presbyterian) and Grenada College (Methodist) \$500,000 each; Whitworth (Methodist) \$300,000; Synodical College (Presbyterian) and All Saints (Episcopal) \$400,000 each. This plan, if carried out, would give Mississippi College a million dollars in endowment and the two girls' colleges half a million.

It is also understood that contributors may designate which college or colleges they wish to receive their gifts. Also the amounts assigned to each institution are reported as satisfactory to the heads of these institutions. It is suggested that the campaign be carried on indefinitely until the full amount is secured. Also that an executive committee composed of representatives of all the denominations interested be formed, and have charge of the campaign. This Executive Committee to select an executive head, the organization to be self-perpetuating.

This is a matter that Mr. Jones, who is a Baptist, has set his heart upon, and he is not easily discouraged. A similar proposition was made more than a year ago, and was favored by many, but it did not at the time command the cooperation of all those to whom it was made. It seemed too big to be practicable. And it was not easy to secure the endorsement of the denominational bodies to whom the appeal was made.

Mr. Jones is also a man of business and executive ability. He is not a visionary, and the things which he has undertaken have generally been successfully carried through. He believes this is a practical scheme, and he is willing to work at it, to put money into it and seek to induce others to put money into it.

It seems to the writer that it has now begun in a way to make its accomplishment entirely possible. No time is now set for finishing up. It will take a good deal of time. Again it is a movement of interested individuals and not of ecclesiastical bodies. We do not believe that it will ever be possible to get the different denominations as such in Mississippi to unite or cooperate in an educational movement. But it is entirely feasible for individuals who are members of these denominations to work together in an outside organization to put over this undertaking. The denominational bodies could express their approval of it and allow nothing to interfere with it. But they will not and ought not to be organically related to it. That is, they ought to have no official connection with it; ought not to

appoint any officials in it, nor assume as a body any responsibility for it.

Baptists can work with other folks in any outside organization, as they do in the Anti Saloon League, merely as individuals, but a Baptist church, or a Baptist Association or a Baptist Convention cannot tie up with anything which they themselves do not absolutely control. As Dr. Gambrell said, when it was proposed that the Southern Baptist Convention take membership in the Federal Council of Churches, "We do not believe in riding a horse without a bridle on it."

If the matter can be worked out in this way our people ought to cooperate in the plan to raise the money. We sadly need it, and this may be the way out.

### SPECIAL SESSION OF STATE CONVENTION

As provided in the constitution a call has been issued for a special session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to be held in Jackson Thursday, April 24, 1930. This meeting has been considered necessary as an emergency measure, owing to the condition at Clarke Memorial College and the situation at the Orphanage. For some time the trustees of Clarke College and the Education Commission have wrestled with the problem of financing the school. The question of removing the Orphanage from Jackson has also been before the Convention for a year or more. Some have thought it well to remove the Orphanage to Newton, to be conducted on the grounds now occupied by the college, and to authorize the discontinuance of the college. This has now come to a point where it was thought necessary for the Convention to decide the question.

Believing that there would be a called meeting of the State Convention, the Executive Committee of the Convention at its recent meeting did not elect a superintendent for the Orphanage, but chose to refer the matter to the Convention itself at this special session, suggesting to this Convention that a new board of trustees be elected by the Convention, and that this new board of trustees for the Orphanage be authorized to elect a superintendent. This will come before the Convention in a report of the Nominating Committee appointed last November.

These are matters of vital concern to all our people. And they should be taken seriously and attended to at once by the churches. According to the constitution of the Convention, every cooperating Baptist Church in Mississippi is entitled to one messenger to the Convention; and one additional messenger for each 100 members or major fraction the church has over the first hundred. That is if your church has 151 members, it is entitled to two messengers, and so on.

The time is short and the messengers must be elected by the churches, and elected at once. It will be necessary for many churches to call a special meeting. It is exceedingly desirable with business of this nature to be attended to that the Convention shall be thoroughly representative. It is necessary that the will of all the Baptists of Mississippi shall be registered. And it is necessary that when these matters are settled the people shall be satisfied with what is done.

Be sure to have your church elect a messenger or messengers. Be sure that the messengers come. The church might well pay their expenses, as no provision is made for free entertainment. The meeting ought not to last more than one day, and so the expense need not be heavy. It is possible for people to come from many parts of the state in the morning and return that night. Again we urge that the business of this meeting is exceedingly important.

Dr. J. J. Wicker helped in a meeting at Tabernacle Church, Newport News. There were 65 additions to the church, many heads of families.

April showers make May flowers. Which being interpreted means that if we give enough to missions in April, we will have a happy Convention at New Orleans in May.



## ANOTHER ANGLE OF THE EDUCATION SITUATION

J. F. Carter

The readers of The Baptist Record have doubtless learned of the meeting of school officials and business men called by Mr. B. B. Jones on the 10th of April to consider plans for increasing the efficiency of all the institutions of higher learning in Mississippi. The needs of the five tax-supported four-year schools were considered, also those of Alcorn A. & M. for Negroes and those of ten denominational colleges. Those present voted to support any effort made to induce the legislature to appropriate the funds needed for tax-supported schools. Then a movement was inaugurated to raise from all denominations \$5,000,000.00 for the ten denominational colleges. Of these four are Baptist, three Methodist, two Presbyterian, and one Episcopalian. Now the first question is: Will the Baptists of Mississippi enter this campaign? From the discussion that has been going on in The Baptist Record a number of things are evident: First, that the cooperative program is not going to take care of the needs of our schools. Already the suggestion has been made that Christian Education be taken out of the cooperative program and the schools be allowed to go before the churches and make known their needs. Second: An educational campaign among Baptists will not succeed. Separate campaigns with the different denominations will lack the urge and enthusiasm of a united campaign.

Another item to be considered in the answer to this question is the attitude of the Baptists of Mississippi toward any inter-denominational endeavor. Well might we fear any sort of alliance that would tend toward compromising any of our New Testament principles. However, this movement has none of the objectionable features of a union effort in religious work. It is an effort to enable each of the Christian bodies in Mississippi to teach creditably the principles peculiar to itself. Indeed to fail to support our distinctly Christian institutions is to give in to the desires of those who are striving to bring about the compromise of Christian principles. If we desert the schools, efforts for a unionized church will be much harder to reach.

Another question to raise is: Will we hope to benefit all the Baptist schools through this movement? The program calls for \$625,000.00 to be raised for Mississippi College, \$500,000.00 for Blue Mountain College, \$500,000.00 for Mississippi Woman's College, and \$400,000.00 for Clarke College. That is \$2,125,000.00 to go to Baptist schools. It is fair that Baptists should have more schools helped than any others because there are more Baptists in Mississippi than members of all other denominations combined. Baptist schools are scheduled to be helped more largely than those of any other body.

Now if Mississippi Baptists, because of prejudice or of indifference and lethargy, allow one of their schools to be lost, they will be the losers. They have a preeminence in the field of Christian Education which they are responsible to God to use in the cause of truth. We prayed for deliverance out of our present difficulties and have called on the brotherhood to pray. Can it be that this movement is the answer of our prayer?

It is confessed that the schools are not all they ought to be. They are not all that we who have tried to run them want them to be. But we are doing the best we can to make of them the agencies for Kingdom progress that the denomination might expect. We have made mistakes, and if our mistakes are of such nature as to make us unendurable, give the responsibility to someone else, but don't desert the boys and girls who ought to be induced to get their education in distinctly Christian schools. Surely this is a time for prayer and for the most heroic thinking and acting.

Pastor W. R. Cooper and his church at Drew begin a revival meeting April 27. They will have Dr. H. M. King to preach and Mr. William Lowrey Cooper to lead the singing.

## HILLMAN COLLEGE NOTES

Hillman College Y. W. A. won the college banner offered at the state W. M. U. convention last week. Miss Sarah Blackburn of Vicksburg, and Miss Leslie Erl Parnell of Atmore, Ala., have been president this year. Mrs. B. H. Lovelace is counselor. Mrs. G. W. Riley is their booster always. Hillman's Y. W. A. is almost a student body meeting in scope.

Miss Roma Jones of Jackson was elected as president for next year's Y. W. A. at Hillman, and the organization sent her to Tupelo as their delegate, where she received first-hand information as to all the work to be done. Miss Jones has for a number of years been one of the best workers in the Griffith Church at Jackson, and is an all-round fine girl and serious student. She has made a fine record at Hillman this year.

Hillman's Glee Club continues to be popular every time it broadcasts over WJDX in Jackson, and friends everywhere are proud of the work being done by the girls.

Grenada: We close tonight one of the greatest meetings ever held in our church, not from the standpoint of ingathering for we have only had 20 additions, 17 of them by profession of faith, but this meeting has meant more to the spiritual development of the membership than any of the revivals in which we have been engaged here during these nine years that it has been my privilege to be pastor. Dr. J. L. Hill of Nashville, that prince among our laymen, brought us from two to three messages a day for nine days. Dr. Hill is deeply spiritual and one of our greatest thinkers and most wonderful characters. Our people simply feasted upon his great gospel messages.

Prof. Theodore Farr of Birmingham, brought us in his God-given way messages of song which stirred our souls. Truly this is a great team and Grenada will never forget them.

This revival will be one of life's brightest and happiest recollections to me personally, since I love these brethren.—W. E. Farr.

This from The Religious Herald of Virginia: "We know little about the way in which Democrats manage their affairs, but we wonder if the influential leaders in this great party are still under the delusion that the people who constitute it, particularly in all this region, are morons. What sort of possible party claim can the National Democracy have on the support of Virginia Democrats, for example, when the chairman of their National Committee gives public notice that he is spending money lavishly in seeking to promote the election of wet Republicans over dry Democrats? What has become of the Southern Democracy? Where are the men whom Democrats in the South have honored and trusted? Will they tamely acquiesce in this business? The time may not be yet ripe for them to make public protest, but surely there are enough sturdy, honest, fearless Democrats in the South to protest in due time and in no uncertain or faltering fashion against this wretched business."

There has recently come information of a special mission offering being made in a church in Mississippi after personal effort by one of the members to secure support for the mission work. The offering was made and two officials in the church who had the handling of the money decided they would use it to pay up what they owed on pastor's salary. If this has been correctly reported, it was a case of high handed robbery. There was no more reason or justice in using the money for a purpose different from that of the donors, than if the money had been sent to the mission secretary and he had decided to use it for education or paying a church debt. Of course we do not believe such a thing is common in our churches, though we have heard of more than one such case. But it passes our comprehension that there should be anybody in a Baptist Church with such loose moral ideas. We have no reason to believe that the pastor was in any way a party to such a practice.

## STILL AHEAD

On the 14th of the month, we are \$3,000.00 ahead on the cooperative receipts for April.

We were \$10,000.00 ahead on the first of this month for the Convention year.

This does not mean ahead of the 1930 quota, but only ahead of last year's receipts.

We are considerably behind on the 1930 quota which is \$325,000.00.

Much effort and liberality in giving will be necessary in order to reach the mark set last year for April which was \$49,063.87.

There remain but two more Sundays in which to raise the difference between last April's receipts and the amount received to date in April.

Please bear in mind that to reach April's figure for last year will not bring us up to our goal for the first six months of the State Convention year.

Finally, please mail contributions promptly April 28th. They cannot be counted on this Southern Baptist Convention year unless they reach the Board office by the 30th.

—R. B. Gunter,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE APRIL 13

Jackson, First Church	739
Jackson, Calvary	960
Jackson, Griffith Mem.	351
Jackson, Davis, Mem.	363
Jackson, Parkway	181
Okolona	220
Offering	\$11.63
Brookhaven	608
Baldwyn Church	144
Offering	\$13.23
Drew	226
Waynesboro	231
Gulfport, First	404
Offering	\$125.79
Magee Church	227
Offering	\$9.87
Hattiesburg, Main St.	497
Hattiesburg, Main St., April 6	477

## MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

Much has been said recently about Mississippi Baptists not supporting their schools. No evidence has been given that the disposition to do so is any less today than it has ever been.

To the contrary I think there is good evidence that there are more Baptists in Mississippi today willing to support their schools than ever before. It has been pointed out by good authority that thirty years ago when the sum of \$75,000.00 was collected for Mississippi College not more than 5,000 contributors were found in the state. That means that 195,000 did not give anything then, and that too when an appeal had been made to most of them for a contribution. I do not think that it can be proved that Mississippi Baptists are less willing to support their schools today than formerly.

Now there has been a DECIDED change in the METHOD of supporting Baptists' institutions. The former method of appeals to individuals has given place to an allocation of a per cent of the budget receipts. To be sure it is proven that that method is inadequate for the enlarged task of the present effort. However, the inadequacy should be dealt with in the proper way. The elimination of some of the schools is Not the PROPER way. That would be like grazing the cow on broom sedge grass and, on seeing that she is about to starve, taking an ax and killing the cow instead of changing to a better pasture.

NOW is no time for such senseless policy. Now is no time for panicky thinking and acting. Now is the time for a "Christian statesmanship" of the old time order that has saved our Cause from many conditions as serious as the one we are now facing.

—J. E. Wills.

Another church was organized in New Orleans two weeks ago, with 51 members. It bears the name of Metairie Ridge Baptist Church.



# "WILL THE BOYS HOLD THE LINES?"

L. R. Scarborough

This was the question asked by an American boy in the World War when the tides were against the Allies. It is the question we need to ask now in these stressful times when all of our causes—local and denominational, are being tested to a desperate limit. Will we lose the things that are dear and needful to Christ's Kingdom? What churches will go down under debt? Many of them are pressed to the guards. What schools, what seminaries, what hospitals, what mission stations, and mission institutions will have to be discontinued on account of debt or lack of support, in the immediate future? This is a serious, pressing question—"Will the boys hold the lines?" God's preachers and churches must answer it in hundreds of cases and places. It is pre-eminently a preacher problem, but not altogether. The laymen will have to answer it in its finality. Our good women must answer it, too. All business life and institutions are shaken to their depths. All denominations with all their causes are in the same shape, in the same boat. Political parties, social institutions, all the things constructive for building civilization are now being challenged for their very life. "Will the lines hold?" We, God's people are being tested. God is challenging us to the heroic. Evidently He is shocking us out of our luxury, our selfishness.

## How May We Hold the Lines?

How may we save the heritages of the past, the treasures of the present and the hopes of the future? How did Abraham, Moses, Daniel, Paul and the rest hold the lines in their day? We must do as they did. They set an example and God through them is speaking to us. What does the heroic past say to us? My answer is,

1. **Keep your heart-eyes on Christ.** Look above our difficulties to the imperial Redeemer who is greater than all our foes. He conquered and guaranteed for us the way of victory.

2. **Use our powers in work, not lose them in worry.** The Good Book says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee". The soul depleted by worry cannot render to God the best service.

3. **Hold fast to the unshakable truths and doctrines of our precious faith.** We have a holy, errorless, divinely-inspired Bible whose truth has been guaranteed by God. We have a risen Saviour; His tomb is empty; He lives and must reign, and must reign until He brings complete victory. He is the Captain of our salvation. We must not yield any of the eternal vitalities of our faith. We must not compromise any of them.

4. **We must not be side-tracked by unimportant issues nor by a panicky leadership.** Construction rather than destruction must be the principle holding fast in all our policies and leaders. The big issues—missions, education, benevolence—must have the primacy in our thought and program. Agitation and misrepresentation often wear the clothes of orthodoxy and use the slogans of truth. God's men must have discerning minds and give place to the genuine and the constructive. We must be builders if we win in Christ's program. We need wall-builders now.

5. **Magnify the great primacies of spiritual life—prayer, importunate, supplicating; preaching, vital, soulful, compassionate, putting tremendous emphasis upon the great verities of the Gospel in the power of the Divine Spirit; holy, unselfish, consecrated, Christ-honoring living; the most sacrificial, generous giving; exemplifying the best type of New Testament co-operation and bringing to bear the full strength of Baptist unity upon the great problems that Christ has set for us.**

6. **Keep uppermost and ever present and pressing upon our consciences our enduring debtorship to a lost world, near and far, to win them from their sins, to help train them from their ignorance, to deliver them from their bodily hurts and ailments. Keep the holy fires of evangelism burning in all hearts, homes and churches.** This is the main matter—keep hot hearts after lost men.

7. **Show forth to a sinning world the right type of Christian heroism.** We need brave men now. There is no place for the whiner, the pessimist, the man who wishes to turn back. Daniels, John the Baptists, Pauls, and men of that type in every pulpit and every pew is what we need at this great hour.

## Our Immediate Need

As I see it, our immediate need is for heroic leadership in our churches and in all our places of responsibility, to go afield and see the people with a burning message on our great gospel message, enabling them in April to call forth from the people the most generous, sacrificial giving. We have failed to do our duty in giving in times of prosperity when it is easy and that has brought on us the necessity for sacrifice now. In all the churches there ought to be great spiritual pressure brought to the consciences of our men and women on the matter of holding the Baptist lines, from Maryland to Mexico, from Missouri to Florida, and holding the lines that cross the seas into all the foreign lands. Let us hold the lines; let us build the walls and save our causes and transfer the heritage of the past to the generations that are ahead.

May God grant it.

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## SUPPLEMENTING THE BUDGET

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(Dr. J. J. Wicker, writing in The Western Recorder has this suggestion to make about increasing interest in Missions and all benevolent work of the denomination.)

**DIVIDE** our Southwide objects into six groups. Let there be placed an extra envelope two months apart, representing the various objects, but in no way interfering with our regular every-Sunday Cooperative Program as we now have it. My plan is to supplement the insufficient plan as we now have it. And for the following reasons:

(1) When we left the emotional appeal we took nothing to take its place. When we closed the enthusiastic 75-Million Campaign, we permitted it to depart without an effective successor. We left the old plan for an almost entirely new one. The transition was too great. It was too far for our people to jump, especially as they were not given any spring board. We built a fine aeroplane but the people will not ride in it. No use to fuss and fume and get mad with the "irreligious Bolsheviks" and materialistic, money-loving members of our churches. The thing to do is to meet the situation and minister to it in a way that will turn the tide of battle.

(2) Placing these extra envelopes in the package will cause the pastors to preach on the subject the Sunday preceding the offering. Our secretaries can get back of the pastors and our papers can push the matter before the people and a constant campaign of inspirational education can be kept up, as it is not being done now, and the needs of this or that cause will at least have an annual setting-forth from the pulpit and otherwise, before the people, and the whole scheme will augment and in no way interfere with the present program.

Some people, yea many, have special blessing and these six periods of the year will afford splendid opportunity for all such to bring a special offering to the Lord in addition to the regular every-Sunday tithe. Thousands will learn to make sacrificial gifts.

The best layman I ever knew and one of the best men of which Baptists have ever boasted was the late William Ellyson, of the Second Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. He was a lawyer. A revival meeting was starting in his church. Late Monday afternoon a title was presented him that must be examined before ten o'clock the next day. The fee for the examination amounted to \$350. But Mr. Ellyson refused it—"Because it would prevent his attendance upon the meeting in his own church." Now, the great Christian man, who gave his services to the State Mission Board of Virginia his entire life without a penny charge, said, "I cannot give what I ought to give without special appeals and emotional calls to my soul."

## THE WAY OUT FOR OUR COLLEGES

(By W. S. Allen)

I have been very greatly interested in all that has been written about our College situation and I am deeply concerned about it. While the brethren have been expressing themselves I have been doing a lot of thinking and some praying. Now I want to make a few remarks and some suggestions.

I have always had a very high appreciation of Blue Mountain College because of the high type of womanhood being sent back from the College to bless our homes, our churches, and our State. Eternity alone will reveal the good done through the years by Blue Mountain.

I am sure that Clarke Memorial has also done a great good and has wonderfully blessed the lives of the boys and girls who have attended there. I have only the highest appreciation of the work of Clarke Memorial. I owe a debt of gratitude to Mississippi College I can never pay. I came there a poor, ignorant, untrained, country preacher boy. Mississippi College, like a great hearted mother, took me up and for five years bore with me and nurtured and trained me. If I am worth anything to my State and to the Cause of Christ it is largely on account of what Mississippi College did for me.

For more than ten years it was my very happy privilege to be the pastor of the Immanuel Church in Hattiesburg, which ministers to the faculty and student body of the Womans College. For a number of years I was a member of the Board of Trustees. Then for three years in connection with my pastoral work I was head of the Department of Religious Education. This has given me an opportunity to know something of the inside working and life of two of our colleges.

As I have thought over our situation recently I have been made to ask the question many times, "Where would Mississippi Baptists be today if we had not had these Colleges?" In my thinking I cannot separate the wonderful progress of Mississippi Baptists from the life and influence of our Colleges. If we have needed them in the past we are going to need them far more in the future. It has been suggested that some things in our Colleges are not what they ought to be. That perhaps is true. Our College Presidents and faculties are human like the rest of us. They are imperfect. They make mistakes. We all do. I have made a few mistakes myself. But I want to say that in my judgment the folks who are in charge of our Colleges are trying just as hard as any of the rest of us to do right. They are filling a difficult place and deserve our sympathy and our prayers.

We are hearing a great deal these days about "crisis." That is nothing new to God's people. Moses and the children of Israel faced a "crisis" at the Red Sea but God was there and commanded them to "go forward." They had sense and faith enough to dare to undertake what God commanded and He opened the way. Later they faced another "crisis" at Kadesh Barnea. God was there too and ready to lead the way but because they lacked faith and courage they failed miserably. Our blessed Lord faced a "crisis" in Gethsemane and prayed through to a great victory. A "crisis" is God's opportunity to manifest His power if only His people will trust Him and follow Him. We are living in days big with opportunity. We are having too much pessimism and too many "grasshopper" Christians. Too many giants and walled cities are rising up before our people. We need a victorious note in our work. God isn't dead. He is just as able and ready to help His people as He has ever been. God give us more faith and courage.

I have three suggestions to make. In my judgment they point the way out.

1. Sell our Orphanage property in Jackson, move the children to Newton, and where Clarke Memorial College now stands build a great Home for orphan children.

2. Take our Colleges out of the Cooperative Program and set them free to go afield for endowment and enlargement funds. The present appropriation from the Cooperative Program for

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Womans College and Blue Mountain College to be continued until sufficient endowment is secured, this to be accomplished at the earliest possible moment.

3. Every Mississippi Baptist who believes in Christian Education and in our great Colleges get loyally and enthusiastically behind the effort to adequately endow and enlarge our Colleges. Then let us fill our Colleges with our Baptist boys and girls and keep them filled, pray for our Presidents and faculties as much as we pray for our pastors and missionaries, follow our boys and girls with our love, our sympathy, and our prayers. Surely if our prayers can reach across the seas to bless and help our missionaries they can reach as far as any College campus or class room in Mississippi. I have made a resolution. I am willing to go with any Joshua and Caleb band, to possess the land but I won't go one step with those who want to go back into the wilderness. "Let us go up and possess the land for we are well able."

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#### PERFORM THE DOING OF IT

J. B. Lawrence, Exec. Secy.

Home Mission Board

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On one occasion Paul, the great apostle and missionary, called upon the churches, after they had indicated their purpose to make contributions to a certain benevolent enterprise, to PERFORM THE DOING OF IT.

This is where we are now as Southern Baptists. Our people have indicated their purpose to carry on in Kingdom enterprises by building institutions and launching missionary programs. We have come, however, to the place and time when these purposes must be underwritten with more than promises—we must have money for our work. Our people have been informed as to the situation now existing. They know the desperate plight of our institutions and mission boards. Programs will have to be cut, mission fields abandoned, workers dismissed, unless more money is received for our work.

The one thing that will bring relief is for our churches now to perform the doing of that which they have purposed. The task is easy if we will set ourselves to it. Let every pastor in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention between now and May 1st, preach the biggest sermon he knows how to preach on "Taking Jesus Christ Seriously" in His Kingdom program, and not only urge his people to pay all that they have subscribed, but also give them a chance to make a liberal offering to the Cooperative Program. And the causes are cared for!

Our hope lies right here!

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#### THE RESURRECTION

"THE ANGEL ROLLED BACK THE STONE"

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Down through the starlit night,  
Robed in celestial light  
Swiftly he sped.  
Low in the rock-sealed tomb,  
Shrouded in rayless gloom  
Waited the Dead.

Earth at His presence shook,  
Keepers shrank from His look  
Craven away.  
Lo, as he touched the stone  
Glory from heaven shone  
In where He lay.

Death-gloom asunder cleft,  
Empty the tomb is left—  
Folded the pall.  
Henceforth these have no dread;  
For One comes from the dead,  
Lord over all!

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Pastors of southwest Mississippi held their "conference" at McComb April 14. On the program were H. B. Price, W. A. Sullivan, J. A. Chapman, Elisha Gardner and J. H. Lane. The program committee included E. K. Cox, H. H. Webb and B. B. Hall. We do not know anything more delightful than the fellowship of these conferences.

## Stewardship Department

By G. C. Hodge, Director of Stewardship and Budget

"Every member of every church contributing every week to every cause, in proportion to his ability"

### What Should Be Included in a Church Budget (Continued from last week)

The primal question is what should each one do with his tithe?

I. THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL SHOULD NOT GIVE HIS TITHE DIRECTLY AND PERSONALLY TO THE VARIOUS OBJECTS OF CHARITY AND TO THE VARIOUS INTERESTS AND AGENTS OF THE KINGDOM IS EVIDENT FROM THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

(1) Such a Plan Would Minimize the Various Interests and Agents of the Kingdom, and Exalt the Individuals.

If each individual should be taught to divide his tithe and give it personally, the various interests and agents of the Kingdom would have to depend largely upon special and personal appeals for support. In other words, they would have to depend largely upon begging for their existence. This would belittle and minimize them and would exalt the individuals, at least in their own minds, for those to whom beggars appeal for help are, as a rule, recognized as being superior to those who have to beg for help.

(2) Such a Plan Would In No Sense Assure the Various Interests and Agents of the Kingdom of Adequate Support Because:

A. If each individual should be taught to divide his tithe and give it directly and personally, all the interests and agents of the Kingdom, if supported at all, would be supported not upon their relative needs, but upon the whims and fancies of the individuals. Those that appeal to the sympathy and emotion of the individuals would receive better and more liberal support than those that do not appeal to the sympathy and emotion of the individuals even though they should be more needy and more essential for the progress of the Kingdom. In other words, the support of the various interests and agents of the Kingdom would depend in a large measure upon their ability to beg. Those that proved to be proficient beggars would receive adequate support while those that did not for any reason appeal constantly, personally, sympathetically and effectively to the individuals would receive inadequate support.

B. The individuals would receive so many appeals and requests for help that many of them would become indifferent to them, refuse to respond to them and consequently would withhold their tithe from them.

(3) Such a Plan Would Result in the Enlistment of Only a Small Per Cent of the Members in the Support of the Kingdom.

If each individual should be taught to divide his tithe and give it personally, a large per cent of the members would not be enlisted in the support of the various interests and agents of the Kingdom, because:

A. If the churches should undertake to finance all the interests and agents of the Kingdom through a Budget or a Cooperative Program, a large per cent of the members would withhold their tithe from it and insist upon dividing it and giving it directly and personally to the objects in which they are personally interested: the objects that appeal to their sympathy and emotion, and

B. If those representing the various interests and agents of the Kingdom should depend upon canvassing the people for gifts, they would canvass only the more able and liberal givers and thus fail to enlist the masses, and

C. If those representing the various interests and agents of the Kingdom should depend upon presenting their needs to the people while assembled in the regular services of the churches and following their appeals with special collections, a large per cent of the people would become wearied with so many appeals for money

and would refuse to even attend the services.

(4) Such a Plan is Contrary to the Principles of Stewardship and Would Therefore Make it Practically Impossible for the Churches To Teach and Train-up a Generation of Faithful Stewards.

"The division of our work into departments is necessary in administration, but when we break it up in a number of individual financial appeals we vivisection the one living appeal of the Kingdom.

The appeal method of getting money bases our finances on whimsical, uncertain, high-wrought emotions; the New Testament method of Kingdom appeal accompanied with the teaching of stewardship and regular offerings to a budget which includes every object and interest, bases our finances on a growing conviction. Not only so, but special appeals also interfere with the teaching of stewardship. The individual appealed to for money for any cause on the ground of benevolence is made to feel that his money is his own. Stewardship, thrust into the heart of a regular giver to a Kingdom budget, makes him feel that his money all belongs to God. Appeals hysterically beg that we give according to the needs of others; stewardship firmly demands that we give according to our own ability. Specific appeals hold up to us the needs of certain institutions and interests; the budget presses home to our hearts the superior and prior claim to the Kingdom of God. This does not mean that we are not to present specific objects, present them by all means, but present them as Kingdom interests grouped in a Kingdom budget and not as preferred objects for a special offering. When we get finances rooted in the churches and the lives of the members saturated with the Kingdom idea and vitalized with stewardship, then we shall have a continual stream of funds flowing into the Kingdom treasury sufficiently large to take care of all our interests." (J. B. Lawrence in Stewardship Applied in Church Finance). We cannot, however, get finances rooted in the churches and the lives of the people saturated with the Kingdom idea and vitalized with stewardship as long as the people are taught to divide their tithe and give it personally to the various interests and agents of the Kingdom, because, as stated above, the plan is contrary to the principles of stewardship.

(To be continued next week)

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### WE SHOULD STAY ON GUARD

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"The astute, far-seeing strategy of the Roman hierarchy knows full well that the Catholic Church must get control around the Gulf of Mexico in the twentieth century just like it had control around the Mediterranean Sea in the twelfth century. Or else the Catholic domination of the world can never be achieved again. We may expect these facts to control the policies of the Catholic Church for the rest of this century. We should stay on Guard. It is to be a long-drawn-out contest. World issues are at stake around the Gulf of Mexico."—Walt N. Johnson.

The Catholics are investing millions of dollars in New Orleans. They have acquired valuable property at every strategic point in the city. They are literally carrying out the policy and fulfilling the prophecy outlined in the above quotation.

Will Southern Baptists surrender the vantage ground they hold here, or will they rally to the support of the Baptist Bible Institute and strengthen its hands?

It will be sinning against the light as surely as God ever revealed his will to a people, if Southern Baptists do not save and fortify what they have so well begun in New Orleans.

—W. W. Hamilton.

Baptist Bible Institute,  
New Orleans.



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## OTHER MEMBERS EXECUTIVE BOARD

These are busy run-about-days for both your Secretary and Young People's Leader. We are dated up for almost every day in the week of each week in April and May. That means we are not answering all mail as promptly as we should like. But these calls to teach Mission Study classes seem most important and we are taking advantage of them as best we can. Please be patient with us.

We hope all will read Mrs. Doughty's cordial greeting to her District sisters. A letter like this will come to each of you from your own District Chairman real soon. We know each woman of us will enter heartily into our present District and stand faithfully by our Chairman, whether old or new.

Let us all remember that we say, "District CHAIRMAN" now, not "District VICE PRESIDENT". We have only one Vice President, but with eight District Chairmen we shall go forward in a great way.

All will enjoy Minnie Landrum's letter. The family of our beloved Mrs. Johnson received many, many letters, and all were greatly appreciated. But because of the sweet spirit of this one from our Minnie so far away, it is given to all of us to share.

### Attention District Two

Shaw, Miss., April 8, 1930.

My dear Co-workers of the Second District:

Since we are now a very much smaller District I felt it would be of interest to each Society to get themselves located. We are now composed of the following Associations: Deer Creek, Bolivar County, Sunflower County, Leflore County, and Riverside Associations.

We have felt that this plan of dividing the work in this way would mean a real step forward, yet there is a keen regret that we could not have many of our lovable and capable women go with us, yet we know these are the ones that will make the work go in whatever District they are placed. To these I want to say I love you and thank each and everyone that have so beautifully co-operated with me. You can never know how I leaned upon you and I know you will just as loyally support your new District Chairman.

To the women of our own beloved District, who too have ever been loyal and true, I know you too will feel a keener interest if possible since we are a bit smaller, which means a closer personal touch. Our work will continue in the same proportions as before and all our plans will come before us in our District Meeting which always comes after the S. B. C. The time and place will be determined. Who will be the first to invite it? Let's pray much that we may go forward in a great way.

Lovingly,

Mrs. M. F. Doughty, Chairman.

### Glad News for Friends of B. M. C.

Glad news for former Students and friends of B. M. C. I am so happy to announce we have reached our goal for the support fund of Mo-Kwong Home for Blind Girls in Canton, China, this fiscal year just closed. Also that we have added \$600.00 to our Mo Kwong Endowment Fund this year including the \$200.00 the sale price of the diamond gift. I haven't words to express to you my gratitude for your loyal co-operation in this good work and I thank our

Heavenly Father for His gracious blessings upon our efforts in His name.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. T. C. Lowrey.

Personal Letter from Miss Minnie Landrum  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Caixa 2655,  
February 11, 1930.

My dear Mrs. Lipsey:

A letter from Lou tells me of the Home Going of your precious mother. I know you, Miss Jessie and all members of the family miss her. It must be sad to look into the eyes of the only mother or father for the last time here on earth. Yet when we think of the joy and happiness that is hers over there we can't wish her back, can we?

I am so glad that I was permitted to see Mrs. Johnson last year and to hear and watch her as she poured out her soul in those wonderful Bible lessons. Many have been the times that I have thought of the marvelous way in which she taught the 139th Psalm last January, and what it meant to me. I shall never forget it.

My heart runs over with joy when I think of her meeting with Jesus—surely, He said to her, "Well done, my good and faithful servant"! Can we think of any words any sweeter than those? Oh, that it were possible for Him to say them to the thousands that pass into eternity each day!

I want you to know that my prayers are with you at this time and I pray that God will give you and each loved one strength and comfort in the sad hours. It saddens me when I think of the vacancy made by the going over of a loved one but how my heart rejoices when she or he is a Christian and when we know there will be a reunion some day. What a great reunion is in store for you and yours. As I grow older Heaven seems nearer—sometimes I wish I could go any minute—then when I think of how empty-handed I would be, I wish to live on many years but I want every one of them to be fully and wholly consecrated to Him.

With much love to you, Dr. Lipsey and your family and a prayer that God will bless and keep you,

I am your friend,

Minnie Landrum.

### New Orleans as a Mission Center

While New Orleans is advertised as "America's Most Interesting City" it is also America's most tragic city, estimated by the number of unevangelized people within its limits. With a population of nearly one-half a million (33% of the entire state) one-fourth are French, one-fourth are Negroes, 40,000 are Italians, while there are thousands of Spanish-speaking people, Germans, Russians, Slavs, Greeks, Syrians, Hungarians and Orientals. What a field for mission activity! To meet this vast need there are in the city 96 evangelical churches—Lutherans 28, Presbyterians 20, Baptists 16, Methodists 15, Episcopalians 13, Disciples 3, Congregational 1. There are also 100 Negro Baptist churches, with several Negro churches of other denominations. The Catholics have 45 churches for whites and 8 churches for Negroes, with 750 Negro Catholic nuns.

A new factor entered the city's religious life when the Baptist Bible Institute opened its doors eleven years ago. As if by magic, a new spirit came into our churches, a new note of victory was sounded from our pulpits and all recognized the fact that a new day had dawned for evan-

gelical Christianity. The Baptist Bible Institute is situated in the most strategic missionary territory in America. Within a radius of 100 miles from New Orleans there are 10 whole parishes (counties) without a Baptist church, while in this same territory there are many towns and cities with a population from 1,000 to 10,000 where no Baptist preaching is done. What an open door for the more than 200 young men and women of the Baptist Bible Institute, who cover the entire city and much of the surrounding country in their practical work assignments and their preaching points every week. Outside of our city, ministerial students served last year 65 churches reporting 1,878 additions and 1,242 baptisms, while every church year hundreds of souls are saved throughout the length and breadth of the city through the personal work of the students in their practical activities.

The Baptist Bible Institute—the youngest child of the Southern Baptist Convention—rejoices in the approaching meeting of Southern Baptists in New Orleans and extends a cordial invitation to every delegate and visitor to see this their Christian center in unevangelized New Orleans.—Mrs. B. H. DeMent, Co-Chairman W. M. U. Publicity for S. B. C.

Dear Ladies Over the Southland:

I come to ask you to help us both with your prayers and money. We crave an interest in each state's organization.

Our great need right now is posters' jackets and aprons. The aprons can be made at home (all flat) out of strong drill or indian head either bib or waist style.

We also need tray covers, and I'll be very glad to send dimensions and information about material to be used and any other information you might need or want concerning the work.

Mrs. H. F. Vermillion,  
Asst. Superintendent,  
Baptist Sanatorium,  
El Paso, Texas.

Rev. H. T. Chilvers celebrated his tenth anniversary March 6, at Spurgeon's Metropolitan Tabernacle. It is said that the program was nearly identical with that at his inauguration.

It is announced in The Baptist Message that brother J. N. Miller has accepted a call to Pilgrims Rest Church, near Acadia Academy in Louisiana. Brother Miller has done a fine work at Wiggins and we shall give him up in Mississippi with sincere regret. Louisiana brethren will find him true to every trust.

The editor was greatly refreshed on his visit to Slate Springs for Sunday, by being in the home of brother and sister Joel Dorroh. Brother Dorroh has lived right here for 65 years and the people all over that country hold him in the highest esteem. He has great joy in seeing his children walking in the truth. His home is a haven of rest and refreshing. We greatly enjoyed their Christian fellowship and hospitality. They do not need a radio. They have music by a feathered orchestra from early morning throughout the day. Red birds, robins, ravens, doves, quails, mocking birds all rang the chimes on Sunday morning. Not to speak of a yard full of Rhode Island hens who made merry "shelled" the barn yard with valuable ammunition. It is just such homes as this that have enriched the world.



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## East Mississippi Department

By R. L. Breiland

### A Sad Journey

Recently the Memphis Evening Appeal said: "In May the first unit of 6,000 mothers start for France to visit the graves of their soldier dead." Our government is paying all expenses of mothers who have sons who were killed or died in France and were not brought back to this country to visit the grave of their dead. This is a fine work for our nation to do. For ten and more years the hearts of these mothers have been in France where their sons lie sleeping the last sleep. The tears and heart-aches that they have known are innumerable. They have longed and wondered about their boys who "never came back" from "over there," wishing they knew just how the grave looked and what the surroundings. At last these longings are to be gratified and they are going to France to see where son sleeps "In Flander's Field."

During these years, since that solemn day when her boy left home the last time on his way to the battlefields far away, printing a warm kiss on mother's cheek and with a cherry word went down the road and out of sight, until this day when she has the privilege of crossing the deep blue sea to visit his last resting place, many have been the times that mother has been with her boy in memory's way. The little wee face looked out from the cradle and smiled, the magic coo of the growing tot, the rollicking laughter, the merry prattle and the patter of boy feet have all passed through her mind time and again as in sadness and loneliness she waited for the boy who never returned. Finally, the heart-breaking news came that her boy, her own dear boy, had fallen in battle, that he was buried "somewhere in France." The darkness of the hour made life look all but worthless as she realizes that her boy lies in a cold grave in far-away France; so far from home with no mother's hand to wipe his brow, no mother's farewell kiss as he is placed in the grave, no one to lay flowers on his tomb.

For these more than ten years

now she has seen in her imagination the red mound that covers his body and the white cross that marks the sleeping place of her boy. She would give almost anything just to see the spot where her dear boy is lying. But she has grieved on in hopeless despair of ever seeing that far-off sacred spot. The first sharp pangs of grief had passed away as she turned her thoughts to the problems that pass her door each day, but down in the sacred recesses of her mother-heart she never forgot; and that manly boy in khaki as he appeared that day, as he marched proudly away to do and dare for his country is indelibly printed there in her heart.

And now comes the glad news that her dreams are to come true, and she will soon be permitted to see the place of her dreams, the place where her manly son lies sleeping. With sad but eager heart she will make her way across the ocean and out to the field of death. The long rows of crosses stand row on row. One by one she will examine them. Finally she will come to one on which the familiar name appears. "My son, my darling son!" will doubtless burst from her trembling lips as the tears stream afresh down her cheeks. Many years with many sorrows have come to her since that day when he bade her adieu for the battle field, but the scene is all fresh in her memory again as she stands beside the cold clay that encases all that is mortal of her son. She feels anew that warm kiss, she feels the pressure of his manly arms about her, she hears the cherry, "Good-bye, mother; I'll be back soon." But alas! little did he think that this was his last time to see that familiar face.

It is a great thing our government is doing for those heart-sick mothers, but the journey is a sad one. Let us hope that as these mothers go and get a vision of the place where their soldier boy sleeps the long, last sleep that the pain of the tragedy will be lighter and the aching of the mother-heart will be less acute, and that they will wait patiently the hour of waking when many of them will meet to part no more. This is one of the woes of war, these far-away graves and these weeping mothers. May there be no more war forever.

### Notes and Comments

Elam Church, near Coffeeville, has called Rev. S. J. Rhodes to be her pastor this year. She has also re-organized the Sunday School and the pastor is conducting a training class there this week.

Rev. Lloyd T. Grantham has accepted the Burnside work in Neshoba County and is moving his family there this week. The field consists of Burnside for half time and then Stallo, Pearl Valley, Providence, Oak Grove, Longino and New Hope churches. This makes a good field with plenty of work to do.

Don't be crying,  
Don't be sighing,  
Making others sad;  
Best be singing,  
Music ringing,  
Making others glad.

The Yalobusha County B. Y. P. U. Convention will have a meeting of the officers and other workers at Scuna Valley at 2:30 p. m. the first Sunday in May. This meeting is preparatory to the County Convention which is to be held the fifth Sunday in June. It is the desire to put new enthusiasm into the B. Y. P. U. work in the county.

The Baptist churches over the Southland should begin to get busy now to send their pastors to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets at New Orleans, May 14 to 18. It will help the pastors and in turn help the churches. Both need help, now.

### A PLEA—A PROMISE

Our Saviour was crucified between two malefactors—thieves. Mat. 27-28, Mark 15-27, Luke 23-39.

His enemies were determined, not only to put him to shameful death by crucifixion, but to heap upon him all possible ignominy by executing him between two evil-doers. This was fulfillment of prophecy by Isaiah seven hundred years before. Ish. 53d ch., Mark 15-28.

They that passed by railed on him, saying, "Save thyself and come down from the cross." "And one of the malefactors railed on him and said, If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us." But the other answering, rebuked him, saying, "Dost thou not fear God, seeing that thou art in the same condemnation. And we indeed justly; for we receive the reward of our deeds, but this man hath done nothing amiss." He then uttered the plea, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Luke 23-39-42.

"And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Luke 23-43.

The promise of our Saviour to the crucified, dying, penitent evil-doer, who confessed him as "Lord" and believed and trusted him.

This shows the possibility of salvation when at the "point of death", but as this is the only instance of the kind recorded in the Bible, it proves the danger of neglecting this most important matter until within the "valley of the shadow of death".

It emphasizes the truth of another scripture, "Now, is the day of salvation". Until we realize need of help we do not call for it. Until man is reproved (convinced) of sin, of righteousness and of judgment", he will not know his helpless, hopeless condition; and will not call upon God and "look unto him", and "be saved". The prayer of the awakened, convicted sinner is recorded in the 13th verse of the 18th chapter of Luke, "God be merciful to me, a sinner". "Being justified by faith we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5-1.

—C. M. Sherrouse.

### ROSEDALE MEETING

It was my pleasure to assist Dr. Ben Ingram in a revival meeting with the Rosedale church, March 23 to 30. Brother Roy Hickman of Clarksdale, was in charge of the music.

The Rosedale church has made remarkable progress since its reor-

ganization a few years ago and especially since Dr. Ingram began his ministry with the church about one year ago. Within this period the church has erected and almost paid for a very attractive and commodious pastor's home, which is situated hard by the church. Dr. and Mrs. Ingram are loved and appreciated not only by the members of their own congregation, but by the people of the other congregations in Rosedale.

A very fine spirit of cooperation was manifested on the part of other Christian people, especially by the pastors and members of the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. The Jewish people of Rosedale were also very kind in their attitude to the meeting, some attending the services frequently. I have never known more delightful fellowship and more cordial hospitality than I found in Rosedale.

The meeting was short and was in conflict with other meetings of wide community interest, but closed out at high tide and with a genuine revival spirit, Sunday, March 30th, with overflowing congregations and eight additions to the church.

Rosedale is one of the county seats of Bolivar County, said to be the greatest cotton county in the world. Besides growing cotton, however, it is developing a very cosmopolitan population. In Rosedale alone, in addition to a large colored population we found several Chinese, Jews, Mexicans and Syrians. What an opportunity is afforded the Christian people of that section as well as here in New Orleans, to give the gospel to others of the remote parts of the world, and demonstrate the practical side of Christian missions at their doors! May God bless them in doing it!

—S. G. Posey, Pastor,  
The Coliseum Place Baptist Church.

### THE LOUISVILLE SEMINARY NOTES

Louisville, Ky.

At the former meeting the following officers were elected: J. H. Kyzar, President; J. B. Smith, Vice-President; W. E. Richardson, Treasurer; Miss Frances Landrum, Pianist; R. A. Langley, Secretary and Reporter.

The following men will receive the Th.M. degree at the close of the present session: W. A. Bell, M. D. Moore, J. A. Bass, C. T. Vinzant and J. D. Taylor.

C. T. Vinzant will engage in an Enlargement Campaign in Marion, Illinois, beginning May the first.

W. S. Hardin has accepted a call to Adairville, Kentucky, and will move on the field at the close of school.

M. D. Moore has accepted a call to the First Church, Selma, Alabama.

—R. A. Langley.

Dr. Arch C. Cree supplied the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia, Sunday, April 13th, and will supply for Dr. Charles W. Daniel, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., Sunday, April 27th. He will take up his work as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Salisbury, N. C., on Sunday, May 4th. His friends are requested to note his new address.



## The Sunday School Department

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 20, 1930

#### JESUS TEACHING FORGIVENESS (Matt. 18:21-35).

GOLDEN TEXT... Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors (Matt. 6:12).

(From Points for Emphasis by H. C. Moore).

1. Constant Forgiveness of a brother is the divine principle laid down. The rabbis taught that an offender should be forgiven but once, as a rule, and never more than three times. Peter interrogatively limited forgiveness to the seventh offense. But Jesus expands the expanded charity of Peter, making his little seven practically infinite. Forgiving love is not bounded by figures, but governed by heavenly motives. The forgiving spirit should always exist.

2. Contrasted Forgiveness of servants is the divine illustration given. A king squaring accounts with his tax officials found a trusted officer short fifteen or twenty million dollars, all of it recklessly squandered. The monarch ordered the debtor and his family sold into slavery and his property confiscated. Prostrating himself before his lord, the contrite servant pleaded for time and promised payment. The king was so moved that he gave the embezzler liberty and cancelled the indebtedness. But the pardoned insolvent found a fellow-servant owing him about seventeen dollars, probably a millionth as much as he owed the king. Forgetting his own good fortune, he rushed upon his debtor, choking him and imperiously demanding immediate payment. Though the poor fellow did exactly what his creditor did when arraigned before the king, he pleaded in vain and was cast into prison. But when the king heard of the incident, he summoned the unmerciful creditor and punished him worse for his hard-heartedness than formerly for his embezzlement. The forgiven ought to forgive.

3. Conditioned Forgiveness from the Father is the divine program marked out. No Christian must harbor an unforgiving spirit. No trespassing brother must plead in vain for forgiveness. "Forgive and ye shall be forgiven."

#### NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATES FOURTH HOUSE OF WORSHIP

On the fifth Sunday in March New Hope Baptist Church, located at Madison Station, dedicated its fourth house of worship. Brother Bryan Simmons, who was pastor when the house was built, preached the Dedicatory Sermon using as his text: Acts 2:41-42. The message was very appropriate for the occasion.

At the close of the morning service the congregation was invited to retire to the basement. What a spread! It was not a plate lunch affair but a real Madison County spread. It was truly an hour of feasting and fellowship. The con-

versation went back to the days of beginnings. Only two men were present who were members when the house before this one was dedicated in 1894.

After the lunch hour we returned to the auditorium for the afternoon services. Brother Simmons served as the song leader. He works about as well in that capacity as he does in the pulpit. Brother Mayfield of Canton, spoke to us on "Winning the Lost." It was truly a soul-stirring message. Brother Howard, of Flora, brought a message on "Giving Christ to the Nations." He made us to know that as followers of Christ we had no other alternative.

In 1845 when Central Association was organized we find New Hope Church, Madison County, on the Roll of Churches. We have not been able to find the date of organization. One hundred and thirty-one members were reported in 1846. Fifty-six were white and seventy-five were negroes. Elder R. L. Barnew was the supply pastor. Services were held each third Sunday.

In 1860 the church had gone to one-half time. A prayer meeting had been organized. In 1861 the first Mission Money was reported. \$16.50 had been paid into the Associational Treasury.

During the dark days of the Civil War the Federal Troops passed through New Hope Community, the center of which was some four or five miles west of what is now Ridgeland, where stood New Hope Church. After they had left all that remained of the Meeting House was an ash heap. This happened in 1863. The congregation is found in 1865 still carrying on holding services each 2nd and 4th Sunday. That year a Mission contribution was made. Elder G. Whitfield was the beloved pastor.

The messengers to the Association in 1868 made the following report: "47 members. The third Sunday is our meeting day. We are without a house of worship. Harmony and brotherly love prevail. Had protracted meeting in which all were revived."

About 1876 the Persimmon Grove Church house belonging to the Presbyterians was bought by the New Hope saints for their Meeting House. This house was located four miles west of Madison Station. It

was used until the church in a body moved to Madison Station in 1894. At that time they united with the Madison Station church, removing their equipment, including the House which was torn down and rebuilt, their organ, Bible, song books and Stove. The new organization was given the name of New Hope Church. This House was replaced by the present one.

The fifth Sunday in March brought us to the close of the first quarter of 1930. Every local obligation had been met and a little more than the amount pledged for the Cooperative Program. No wonder the people were happy.

—C. J. Olander.

#### REAL POWER

(Ben Cox)

I was greatly encouraged and helped Friday when I came into the Noon Prayer Meeting room to find Bro. J. H. Anderson, of Knoxville, seated amongst the down and out men.

He made us a very wonderful address. He stated that he had for quite a while been anxious to attend this meeting, and felt it quite an honor and privilege to be there. He told of a recent visit to a great hydro-electric power plant, and made striking comparisons between the power of that plant and the power of our Heavenly Father. Many were moved to tears as he told of the surprise party he gave his dear wife on her last birthday on earth.

He stimulated us to have more interest in the privilege and profit of the "early morning Watch."

He led in prayer at the free lunch for men, and wonderfully encouraged Connie W. Anderson, our faithful janitor, by commending him for the good work he is doing. Connie has, up to this time, served a total of about 750,000 free meals.

Bro. Anderson's unassuming manner and consecrated life has been a blessing to me. I am just writing him and among other things am saying: "I want you to know that no two men in the Southern Baptist Convention have encouraged me more than you and Dr. J. B. Gambrel. The Doctor was scarcely ever in Memphis on a week day at noon without speaking at the Noon Meeting. He said to me one day, "Dr. Cox, this is a good place to be."

It truly takes a big man to do little things.

#### HOME FINDING SOCIETY

There is an old saying that "charity begins at home," and while our



sympathy and generosity should embrace all of mankind, it is but natural that our greatest desire should be to aid those coming under our own observation. And in fulfilling this desire there is no better time than today and no more deserving institution than the Mississippi Children's Home Finding Society, located in this city, and devoted to just what its name implies—the finding of good, Christian homes in which to place the unfortunate little children confided to its care. It is entirely dependent upon the generosity of the public for its existence, and is eminently worthy of the generous support of the public. Under the capable management of Rev. John L. Sutton and his staff of workers, this institution is doing a wonderful work, and while happy in the contemplation of the many advantages of your own children today, a contribution in keeping with your ability would be greatly appreciated, with the assurance that it will be placed where it will do the most good and will help in making happy the heart of some little innocent child who has never known or has been deprived of the love of a devoted mother and the loving caress of a doting father.

Send a contribution to this worthy institution and then thank God for the advantages enjoyed by your own loved ones and see if you don't feel better.—Superintendent.

#### THANKS

My heart is overflowing with earnest gratitude for the many kind deeds rendered during the illness of my sister, Mrs. Nona (Lee) Cardwell, for the faithful doctors, the comforting prayers, and willing hands that ministered to her wants. For the beautiful floral offering. I thank each and every one so much. May God bless each and every one, is the prayer of an only sister.

—Mrs. H. B. Dunn, Marks, Miss.

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### BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

A special study of The Sermon on the Mount has been made for the last two weeks at noon-day prayer meeting. This week the history of B. S. U. is being studied.

The B. S. U. Council for the term 1930-31 was finally completed when Wilma Green was chosen president of The Life Service Band. She will serve in the capacity of Third Vice-President on the Council. She is a young woman sincere and consecrated, just the type needed for this position.

For the first time in quite a few years the Janie Sanford Y. W. A. gave above its quota for the Blind Girls' Home in China. Forty-three dollars have been reported up-to-date.

B. M. McMahan.

### THE ANNUAL REVIVAL AT MISSISSIPPI A. AND M.

It has long been a practice to hold annually at this college a religious revival and each year this occasion is looked forward to by the Christian students of our campus, for it means much in the betterment of the spiritual life of the entire student body. These meetings are conducted under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., an organization which does its bit the year-round to improve the condition of the students both spiritually and morally.

It is the custom of the Y. M. C. A. to alternate each year in having a noted evangelist, from one of the four largest denominations of Protestants represented by our students, to conduct these revivals. These churches represented in our student body in order of their number of representatives are, the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopalian. By this alternation of selecting the evangelists each year, it is possible for every student to hear a representative of his own church during his stay at college. No discrimination, however, is made between denominations, for they are attended by the body in general and it is always made a union revival.

The present revival, conducted by Dr. Luther B. Bridgers, President of the Southern Military Academy in Alabama, began Sunday, April 6th, and will close Sunday, April 13th. Last year we had Dr. W. H. Knight of Texas as our Baptist representative.

There is much interest manifested in this series of meetings this year, and, although merely begun at present, we must predict that the outcome will be of much value to us. On Sunday the services were held in the college chapel because of a need for large seating space on that day. This first service is attended by scores of people from town, but afterwards the audience is composed chiefly of the college boys. Then the place of meeting can be moved

to the "Y" auditorium, which has a seating capacity of about five hundred. Often, however, the attendance is so great, as was the case last year, that the chapel has to be resorted to again.

The regular service of the day comes from seven to eight in the evening, and then a short noon-day prayer service in addition to this. This is no denominational school but it is remarkable to note the interest shown in this revival each year. Many converts are aligned with the churches of their choice year by year, and we must conclude that the revival has untold spiritual value in our midst and we could hardly do without it.

### M. S. C. W.

Miss Irene Ward last week attended a meeting of the committee of those who are planning the Southwide B. Y. P. U. Conference to be held in Atlanta next fall. The meeting was held in Nashville.

Noonday Prayer services at the Workshop last week were in charge of A. and M. boys. Very inspirational talks were given by Bill Waller, Paul McNutt, Harmon Johnson, Otis Palmer, "Goat" Williams, Chester Dobbs.

Misses Irene Ward, Zona Wilson, and Genevieve McGehee were delegates at the State W. M. U. held at Tupelo last week. They report a helpful and very interesting conference.

A very interesting program was given Sunday in the Pippin Union of the M. S. C. W. B. Y. P. U.'s. A play was given which showed the importance of giving and tithing. After the play Miss Ward gave her experience in tithing. The group captain in charge then passed little rulers around which had the questions, "What Measures Our Christian Faith?" The union was then dismissed with a prayer for greater Christian faith.

### STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE Y. W. A. Meets

The Y. W. A. of State Teachers College met Friday, April 4, with quite a few members present. At this meeting Miss Maude Mosely, President of the Y. W. A., gave a very interesting report of her trip to Tupelo to the W. M. U. Conference. Miss Mosely also promised to tell more of her trip at the next meeting. We realize that she received quite a bit of help at the convention from the enthusiasm and inspiration that she has scattered since she returned.

### "April Fool" Party

The Service B. Y. P. U. was delighted to have an "April Fool" party, which wasn't an April Fool at all. Instead it was a very delightful party indeed. The social

was directed by Miss Jessie Prater, assisted by Miss Agonis Dease.

Beside the entertaining games they served delicious refreshments of doughnuts and cones of cream.

### A New B. Y. P. U.

S. T. C. is very proud of her new B. Y. P. U. which has been organized recently. The B. Y. P. U. was named "Freeman", for one of our missionaries in Brazil. It was organized under the leadership of Mr. W. E. Palmer with ten members but is rapidly growing. It is composed mainly of people who have entered this quarter but have shown quite an interest in the work of the B. S. U.

### "Singing in the Rain" Social

The entire B. S. U. of State Teachers College met Saturday night, April 5, for a "Singing in the Rain" social.

The guests were met at the door by members of the social committee, who were wearing raincoats and hats. The room was artistically decorated with all colors of the rainbow. Also at one end of the room was a real rainbow at the foot of which was a pot of gold.

Very interesting games and contests, that had been planned and were well directed by Misses Edna Ellis and Augusta Bailey, and Mr. Billy Ogletree, were enjoyed by everyone.

Delightful refreshments of pink and green sandwiches with lemonade were served.

### Joint Meeting of Two B. S. U. Councils

The B. S. U. Council of State Teachers College was delighted to go to Woman's College Monday night, April 7, where the two Councils had a joint meeting. The Council was very much benefited by this "get-together" of the two Councils. Quite a bit of enthusiasm was put into the discussion of sending representatives to Ridgecrest and Atlanta.

### Election of New Council Members Soon

The list of nominees for the B. S. C. Council members for next year has been posted and the election will be held Friday, April 11. We feel that we have some very efficient members selected. The two nominees for President are: Miss Grace Hooker, Pontotoc, Mississippi, and Mr. T. J. Durrett, Amory, Mississippi, both of whom have shown much interest and cooperation in the work of the B. S. U. since they came to State Teachers College.

Ophie Rutledge.

The express had not been living up to its reputation. First, it would go forward fifty yards or so, then back, then stand still, puffing uncertainly, and then begin the same

things over again. At last one of the passengers called the guard.

"What's the matter with this train?" he demanded. "Backing up and jerking forward in this way."

"It's quite all right, sir," the guard assured him. "I think the engineer is teaching his wife to drive."—Baptist Courier.

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Beggar: "Could yer help a poor guy dat's starvin'?"

Pompous Lady: "You should remove your hat while talking to a lady."

Beggar: "I can't mum. It's full of sandwiches!"—Ex.

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The meek-looking woman with shell-rimmed spectacles was applying for a driver's license.

"How many miles have you driven?"

"Fifty thousand miles—and never had hold of the wheel," interposed her husband, stepping up.

She got the license.—Ex.

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The stout woman on the scale was eagerly watched by two boys.

She dropped in her cent, but the machine was out of order and registered only seventy-five pounds.

"Good night, Bill," gasped one of the youngsters in amazement. "She's hollow."

—BR—

"What is your definition of an optimist?"

"A fellow who looks at his shirt just back from laundry, and says, 'Well, we needed lace curtains, anyway'."—Ex.

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## The Children's Circle

Mrs. P. I. Lipsey

Bible Study No. 16. Luke 12:13-21

1. Why did not Jesus do what this man asked him to do?
2. What is covetousness?
3. What might the rich man have done with some of his fruits, since everybody is not rich?
4. In what way was he a fool, or foolish?
5. To whom did his soul belong?
6. What does it mean to be "rich toward God"?

My dear Children:

I have been working today in my flower-yard, where already a few things are blooming—spiraea, clove pinks, two or three snap-dragons, pink and yellow, and one begonia. Can you resist the sun these lovely days? Before very long our yard is going to look fine, and you must come to see us.

I am sending today a check for \$5.00 to Miss Gladys, over and above our scholarship. This is a love-gift to her: the scholarship was, too, wasn't it? Whatever comes hereafter, I am going to keep for our new person we decide to give to, and I want you to write and suggest something you would like for us to give to. Now don't forget this, but let me hear from you.

I wish that some of you could go with Mother and Daddy to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans in May. Besides attending the great meeting with thousands of others, you would be interested in this old Southern city, and could go to the Baptist Bible Institute and see our dear Miss Gladys. Of course, Daddy and Mother will have to talk this over, as to whether school is out by May 13th, as to the cost, which is only fare one way plus one dollar, as to clothes, of course, hotels, etc. But you must ask them to let you go, and I hope many of you can. Maybe some of your folks will be going in cars, and that will make it easier to arrange.

Much love to you all, from  
Mrs. Lipsey.

Doddsville, Miss., Mar. 29, 1930  
Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Here comes a little boy to visit you. I am 8 years old. My friends call me Red. Can you guess why? I go to Sunday School and to school. My teacher is Mrs. Florence R. Jackson. I have a dear Mother and Father and I feel sorry for those who do not and am sending you 10 cents for them. I am surprising Mother. She don't know I am writing you. Your friend,

Randolph Johnson.

And you wrote this letter all by yourself, didn't you, Randolph? I didn't have a bit of trouble in reading it and am proud of it. Your money goes this afternoon to the Orphanage, helping to make up a gift of \$10.00 for the children there. Thank you, and come again soon.

Courtland, Miss., April 6, 1930.  
Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

May we join your happy band of boys and girls? We have been reading the letters on the Page for a long time, and enjoy them very much. We are glad so many little folks are interested in the B. B. I. girl, and the orphans. We go to school at Shuford. Our teachers are Mr. and Mrs. White and Miss Smith. We are 9 years old and study the fourth grade. Well, Spring is here again and we are glad for we like to hear the little birds sing and watch them build their nests. We liked to have forgotten to tell you we are twins, and always weighed about the same, and are so much alike our teacher can't tell us apart. We are sending 5 cents apiece for

the orphans. Will try to send some for Miss Gladys next time. With love, Your new friends,

Kermit and Kendrick Anthony.

I almost thought you must be twins, when you began by saying "we", boys. Do you always want to do the same things, and do you never quarrel? That's not a fair question, is it? Well, anyhow, we are glad to know now, and won't you come again? Thank you for the money.

Carpenter, Miss., April 4, 1930.  
Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

We have another member in our Circle. Next year I will be in the eleventh grade. School will be out April 4th at our school. Next time I will write a longer letter. Much love. Yours truly,

Ruby Oneal.

P. S.—I forgot to tell you about my nickle I am sending for what you think best.

Well, I mustn't forget to say thank you for the nickle, must I, Ruby? You didn't tell us the name of the new member: who is it?

Mendenhall, April 5, 1930.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

This is the first time I have written to you. But I have been keeping up with the Children's Circle and like it very much. I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade. I live with my Uncle and Aunt. My Mother is dead and my Daddy lives at Cleveland, Miss. I am going up there when school is out. Our school is out the 18th of April and my Daddy is coming home for the commencement and I am going back with him. I am sending 10c for Miss Gladys Andrews' scholarship. I hope to send more for next time. I go to Sunday School and Church and sometimes to B. Y. P. U. Yours truly,

Bobbie Dent.

I know you will be happy, Bobbie, when you can see your father and go home with him. Won't you write to us again while you are at Cleveland, and tell us all about things? Thank you.

Pittsboro, Miss., April 8, 1930.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

The girls' Intermediate Sunday School Class of Pittsboro is sending \$1.30 for our B. B. I. girl. We enjoy your Page so much and hope to have another letter from Miss Gladys soon. Best wishes.

Mrs. C. V. Dodd, Teacher.

Ruby Nelle Hannaford, Sec., Kate Johnson, Pres., Estelle Bryant, Myrtice Bryant, Clytie Wilkins, Thelma Smith, Minnie Lee Molar.

Your gift, my dear girls, starts today to New Orleans, helping to make up a special gift, extra, to Miss Gladys. Thank you so much for such a good contribution.

Station A, Gulfport, Miss. 4-1-30.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey and friends:

I'm back again after a few months of absence. How are you getting along in your work? Fine, I hope.

The Harrison County B. Y. P. U. Convention met last Sunday and our church (Grace Memorial) won, having 100%.

Our small band of Jr. B. Y. P. U.'s has been organized only a short time but is growing steadily. We are sending one dollar for the B. B. I. girl.

God bless you and her, your friend,  
—Juanita West.

Thank you so much, Juanita, for the money and the kind wish. I appreciate this contribution from your B. Y. P. U.

### GREEK BRINGS RUMANIAN

Ben Cox

On March 31st one of our workers came to me at the B. Y. P. U. assembly bringing a Rumanian who had been brought to church that night by a Greek, who is a popular member of our church.

This Rumanian cannot speak English very well, yet he gave us to understand he wanted to give himself to God. He made a very bright confession and was baptized straightway. He came last night with a smile on his face.

This Greek bringing the Rumanian reminded me of a striking circumstance about fourteen years ago. I received a nice letter one day from the wife of this Greek, she herself being an American woman and a Baptist, asking me to come to see her as she was in deep trouble. Mrs. Cox and I went over to their residence, near the river. We found everything spick and span, but she was in deep distress because her little boy was very sick and they were out of money, her husband had had no work for quite a while.

We had prayer together and as I left I handed her two \$1.00 bills out of our Noon Prayer Meeting fund. Just then her husband came in and said with joy, "Now I can get that prescription filled." He seized the prescription from the dresser and ran out to the drug store.

Pretty soon his wife, who belonged to another Baptist church in Tennessee, became a member with us. As he came to church he got interested himself, confessed Christ and was baptized, and became very happy in his church work.

A number of years later they moved to Little Rock. Soon after then I went on the night train to Little Rock, and found to my joy that he was working in a restaurant where I went for breakfast that morning. He seemed over-joyed to see me and insisted upon waiting upon me and as he stood behind my chair, with tears, said, "I never shall forget that prescription. I never shall forget that prescription." When I went to the cashier's desk, I found he had given orders that I pay no bills that day. He wanted to pay for my meals.

This Greek and his wife are very active in the work of the church here, as they now reside in Memphis again. When I see him marching down to the front some Sundays to assist in the taking of the offering, my mind runs back to this letter, and to the wonderful results therefrom. He and his wife are strong believers, as you may be sure, in the work of the Noon Prayer Meeting.

### HILLMAN Y. W. A. ENDS YEAR WITH HONOR

The Hillman College Y. W. A. ended its year with the distinct honor of having won the Y. W. A. banner at the annual W. M. U. meeting at Tupelo. This honor was awarded for attaining the highest number of points in the standard of excellence.

The year began with a bang when a serial was given at the beginning of the year to interest the girls. Another social followed this one at Hallowe'en.

Mrs. P. I. Lipsey taught the annual study course and made it very interesting for the many girls who attended it. She taught a book concerning the women of the Bible in a very effective manner.

Marietta Hudson, our adopted sister, has been neither forgotten or neglected by the Y. W. A. girls, for she has been sent cards, letters, boxes of candy and money at different times.

At Christmas time a Christmas tree was given for the children of Mississippi College ministerial students. The last social affair of the Y. W. A. this year is to be an Easter egg hunt to be given for these children.

The new president for the coming year is Miss Roma Jones and the old one who is going out is Miss Leslie W. Parnell.

We feel that the year has been a very successful one and the credit goes to Mrs. Lovelace and our Y. W. A. president, with the cooperation of our entire student body.

—Etna Scrivener, Reporter.

### KEEP CLARKE COLLEGE

I want to register my protest against discontinuing or moving Clarke Memorial College, having a perfect knowledge of its origin, knowing what it cost in tears, prayer, labor and money. I read Brother Lee Breeland's protest and telling how the move started in the General Association fostered by Brother S. B. Culpepper, the Pastor of First Baptist Church, Newton, Mississippi. The writer had first moved to and connected himself with this church. I gave my time and my talent to Brother Culpepper in his laborious struggle to get the college established. I being chairman of the building committee went with Brother Culpepper, Brother Bennie Sansing and a few others making speeches at different places till we got the location established at Newton. We had some strong opposition to overcome. We had no money to start with. While Brother Culpepper was in the field collecting money and subscriptions, I started with the builders from the first stone to the top stone. I don't think the effort has ever been surpassed in the establishing of any institution in the state of Mississippi or any other state.

The site was secured from old Brother Tom Scanlin, a member of the Presbyterian Church, a great friend to the college who perhaps did as much as any one man for its success. Now the sacrifices of boards and teachers has been great, but the product has been greater in sending out to bless the world a host of young men and young ladies whose lives are making good, filling important pulpits and others teaching, more than justifies the holding to the college.

So I plead for Clarke Memorial College.

—R. L. White.

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## Our Verse

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

## Win One

Dr. L. R. Scarborough tells the story of a fine college student being won to Christ, and gives the following statement, "A fine college student, a senior, said to me after I had preached a series of evangelistic sermons, 'I have heard all your sermons on the diety of Christ, the inspiration of the Scriptures, the efficacy of the atoning blood and can answer the logic of every one of them; but a few weeks ago as I stood with our mourning family by the grave of my invalid mother, and as loving friends lowered her crippled little body into the ground, I said, 'I cannot answer the argument and logic of that wonderful life.' He said 'I want that which made my mother what she was.' And in a few minutes he found that Saviour, not by the power of logic, but by the power of a quiet, godly life."

## Smiles Union of Baylor College, Texas, Challenges Jewell Union, of Davis Memorial, Jackson, in Bible Reading Contest.

The Smiles B. Y. P. U., one of the Baylor College B. Y. P. U.'s, has challenged the Jewell B. Y. P. U., of Davis Memorial Church, Jackson, in a contest for honors in Daily Bible Readings. The challenge was immediately accepted and Davis Memorial feels sure of winning. They are striking for a 100% record and the first Sunday after the challenge was accepted they were all perfect except one who had not known of the contest. That is a fine way of creating interest in any phase of the B. Y. P. U. and we are counting on the Jewel Union taking first place in this contest. Why can't some other Unions in Mississippi challenge some other Union in the State in a contest like this? We pass it on as a good thing.

## Summit Seniors Doing Fine Work

Jas. A. Chapman, in writing of the Summit B. Y. P. U., says that it is the very best B. Y. P. U. that he has ever attended. They are doing a fine work in every way and in their recent study course twenty-seven took the course and received diplomas. We are happy to have this fine report from Summit. Can one who has been in other Unions say of your's that it is the very best they ever visited? Try to make it that kind of a union.

## New Albany Organizes Second Senior B. Y. P. U.

We add another Senior B. Y. P. U. to our list—the New Albany Church has organized a Senior Union for the younger seniors and have started off in a fine way. Mrs. Varda Smith, one of Mississippi's best B. Y. P. U. leaders, is serving as counsellor for this splendid group of young people and that alone guar-

antees it's success. Other officers elected are: President, Frances Coleman; Vice Pres., Harold Cook; Sec'y., F. J. Long; Cor. Sec., Sara Griffin; B. R. L., Arthur Cathcart; Pianist, Evelyn Irby; they have an enrollment of 17 with other prospective members on the list who will soon be enlisted.

## A Twenty-five Year Bible Reader And Others

From Picayune comes the report of Daily Bible Readers. Mrs. Russell Davis has a record of twenty-five years, a record well to be coveted by all of us. Then we have from this same church three SIX year readers, Mary Lou Stuart, J. R. Stuart and Mrs. Stella Mae Formby. Three four year readers, Bessie Benet, Edna Earl Mitchell, and Mae Davis. Then they report five two year readers, Ernest Mae Stuart, Ouina Davis, Urania Bennett and Vonceil Stuart. A church may well be proud of young people like these, and we are happy to have this splendid report to pass on to others as an incentive in the work.

## Osyka B. Y. P. U.'s on the Bound

Mrs. S. A. Williams, B. Y. P. U. Director of the Osyka church, reports a most interesting Study Course recently in which twenty of the seniors were enlisted. They served supper each night, a different group of the B. Y. P. U. being in charge of same. In addition to the lunch and study of the book, different groups put on a "stunt" each evening making the entire affair interesting and helpful. The B. Y. P. U. gave a program at the Pike County Associational B. Y. P. U. meeting the fifth Sunday in March and did themselves proud in this service. Mrs. Williams is giving the Intermediates their Manual by using a short period every Sunday in connection with the regular weekly meeting and in addition to this the Intermediates will meet for a week each evening as the seniors did and study another of their study course books.

## Every B. Y. P. U. is Interested

Every Mississippi B. Y. P. U. is or should be interested in the District B. Y. P. U. Conventions. They meet in June and are near enough for every B. Y. P. U. to attend at least one of these. Check the distance and make your plans now to attend the one nearest you. Here are the dates and places:

Okolona, June 3-4.—Philadelphia, June 5-6.—Mt. Olive, June 10-11.—Prentiss, June 12-13.—Jackson, June 17-18.—Grenada, June 19-20.

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your Union with blanks for long time by sending 25c in stamps.

## Laurel City B. Y. P. U. Inaugurates Trade Night

One of the most interesting happenings of several months in B. Y. P. U. work in Laurel was the City B. Y. P. U. Trade Night, which has been held twice recently. Every union in the city has both visited another union, rendering a program, and entertained the other union, which brought them a return program. The results are a deeper interest manifest in every union, a more unselfish and helpful spirit on the part of all, and a keener feeling of fellowship prevailing between the young people of each church and those of the other churches.

The first Trade Night was March 9th, and the directors had worked out the schedule so that every union would either visit or entertain. There being fourteen unions in the city, there were seven visits and seven programs rendered. Both leaders and members seemed pleased with the experiment, and they asked for another Trade Night right away. The second was held April 6th, four weeks from that night, at which time each visit was returned. The idea worked even better the second time. Splendid programs were rendered all around, interest was stimulated, and all the unions report that they have been helped by the Trade Nights.

The Executive Committees of the city in joint session have voted to recommend to the Jones County Associational B. Y. P. U. that some such movement be put on throughout the entire county.

Griffith Memorial in Jackson observed the B. Y. P. U. training school week this year as usual, despite the fact that they had no building. The director, Miss Louise Young, was determined that the B. Y. P. U. should not suffer because of being unable to meet centrally. So, a committee conferred, and it was decided that the full number of classes should be arranged, these to meet in the various homes.

The plan worked beautifully, and about 88 awards were made to those who passed the work successfully. The lowest attendance today any night was 87 and the highest was 114, which was prayer meeting night. The pastor, Scotchie McCall, and Miss Young were both delighted with the way the young people and the adult classes "stood by" during the week.

Who was it who said, "The optimist sees in every obstacle, an opportunity"? That was what Miss Young saw, anyway. Besides the training school, special coaching classes in Sword Drill were held after the classes were over each night. Did it pay? Well, Merle Williams of this church won first place in Mississippi and Gwendolyn Parks tied with another for second. Griffith B. Y. P. U.ers say: "It did pay."

The unions to which Merle Williams and Gwendolyn Parks belong, each gave a party in honor of their representatives' winning at the state meeting, thus showing their pride in them, and the appreciation of the

fact that these girls had worked hard to win.

Graduation exercises were held Sunday night for our B. Y. P. U. Diplomas and seals were awarded to members that took the Study Course recently taught by our pastor, Rev. R. A. Eddleman, of Lula. Those who received diplomas were: Wilbourn Woods, Alton Milam, Mary Shaw, Joe H. Shook, Maybelle O'Bryant, N. C. Shook, Ednor Hazel, Mrs. Alberta Taylor, Estelle O'Bryant, Mrs. N. C. Shook, Lillie Hazel, Mrs. Nora Shook, Gladys Williams, Miss Nora Wynn, Rachel Shook, Jewell Milam, Spencer Hall, Jewell Hazel, Lynn Baker, Kathleen Milam. Seals were awarded: Mary O'Bryant, Abbie Cole, Ruby Lillian and Harward Shook, Elizabeth Brown. Several others, who are taking home courses, will receive their diplomas later.

Our B. Y. P. U. is making rapid strides of progress. This quarter was begun on the eight-point system. Our aim is to be A-1. Our new officers nominated were: President, Jewell Hazel; Vice-President, Harward Shook; Recording Secretary, Mary O'Bryant; Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Brown; Treasurer, Wilbourn Woods; Chorister, N. C. Shook; Bible leaders reader, Ednor Hazel; Pianist, Mrs. Bobbie Shook; Captain group No. 1: Abbie Cole; Captain Group No. 2: Ruby Lillian Shook; Director, Joe H. Shook; Pastor, R. A. Eddleman.

Committees: Program—Jewell Hazel, Chairman; Ruby Lillian Shook, and Abbie Cole, Membership—Harward Shook, Chairman; Mary Shaw and Lillie Hazel, Instruction—Ednor Hazel, Chairman; Spencer Hall, N. C. Shook, Missionary—Wilbourn Woods, Chairman, Miss Nora Wynn and Lynn Baker.

Social—Elizabeth Brown, Chairman; Abbie Cole and Lynn Baker.

We have an enrollment of thirty members. We are hoping to have many more before this quarter is up.

Sincerely, —Elizabeth Brown.

Corresponding Secretary of B. Y. P. U. of Ascalmore Church, Paynes, Miss.

## Sontag B. Y. P. U.

The Nola B. Y. P. U. wishes to express its thanks, through the medium of your paper, to the Baptist S. S. Board for the many helpful tracts on the various duties of the B. Y. P. U. officers, also the playlet, all of which have been very helpful indeed in the rapid growth and improvement of our union.

We have put on several of these plays at other unions than our own besides playing "The Three Visitors" at our Beat and County Conventions with great success. The result in our own union being a better informed corps of officers who realize the responsibility resting on them, and a greater desire to cooperate and grow. We have jumped from an enrollment of 20 to 70 with almost a 100% attendance.

Much credit for the splendid organization we now enjoy belongs to our beloved pastor, Rev. Ben Hemphill, whose tireless efforts and deep understanding of young people has won the love and admiration of every member of the organization.

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## DOINGS OF LOS ANGELES BAPTISTS

(Annie Foster Ellis)

We are thinking, just at this time, of the W. M. U. meeting which is beginning today, April 1, at beautiful Tupelo...and wishing that we could be there. Every member of the family looked long and fondly, at the picture of Tupelo Church as it appeared in the Record of March 27. We still think fondly of our friends there, and of the year or so that we dwelt in that lovely little city. We shall look, eagerly, for the report in the paper.

## Visual Instruction in the Church

Visual instruction is taking a large place in church matters out here, and with good results. The First Church employs a Dramatic Chairman... Miss Hainer... and she puts on some fine pageants... "Sermons in Pictures," they might be called.

Last Sunday evening, a Pageant, "The Seeker," was presented. This was written by Clarice Vallette McCauley, and directed by Miss Hainer... it came as the crowning event of the World Fellowship studies. It was a magnificent play, well acted. It showed the unceasing search after the Infinite. It showed the Universal Motherhood, with her blind Son, seeking for that Something which would satisfy. All the mystical religions of the East, with their Philosophy, were rejected. And they came to know that only in Christianity can the true Seeker find the full truth and light.

A very touching fact, concerning the giving of this pageant, was that the young man who took the part of Religion, and who played his part so well, had just lost his mother... had seen her laid away only the day before. To us who know these circumstances, he seemed a real hero, strong and brave.

## Historical Pageant

Last Friday evening, was observed as the annual Family Night. Plates were set for 625. The pastor was so happy, he could not stay at one table, but walked from table to table exchanging greetings with his people. After the supper, a program was given in the Dining Hall, then, in the main auditorium, the same Pageant that was given at the Northern Baptist Convention, last May, was given. It portrayed the growth of the Christian church from earliest time to this day.

The music for these Pageants and plays, is directed by that wonderful leader of the choir, Mr. Stewart.

## Projection Slides, too.

Very often, projection slides are used at the Wednesday evening meetings, and some times, the Sunday evening services are illustrated. All during the month of March, the evening sermons were illustrated with slides showing the Holy Land. Dr. Geistweight, the Interim Pastor, has been to the Holy Land four times, so speaks with authority upon conditions there. Dr. Geistweight has the soul of a poet... his sermons and talks are interesting, instructive and inspiring.

## One Other Pageant

It is said that Aimee Semple McPherson is having, or rather, making, a pageant, all her own... claimed to be the largest (I almost said the biggest) ever made.

Dr. S. D. Gordon, author of Quiet Talks, is speaking twice a day, at the Bible Institute. We plan to hear him. At this Institute, is conducted services by what is known as "The Church of the Open Door." It is,



*"Nor cast one longing  
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We are having some nice Mississippi weather just now... some rain, and lots of cloudy days... but this is what makes the grass and flowers grow, just as it does at Home. At last, the bare, hard mountains are covered with green, and the valleys are abloom with flowers. We recently went to see a 40-acre field of one kind of flowers, Freesias, in bloom; however, they were cultivated. The flowers and grass will last for only a month or so, then the dryness will burn them all, and the hills and deserts will be barren for many months. We had, even two small cyclones, recently. Quite "unusual."

## A REMARKABLE WOMAN

In the recent passing of Mrs. John L. Johnson the South loses one of its most brilliant and consecrated women. She was the wife of Dr. J. L. Johnson, who for many years was the head of the English department of the University of Oxford. Her son, Dr. J. L. Johnson, has been president of the Mississippi Woman's College for the past eighteen years.

Her daughter is the wife of Dr. P. I. Lipsey, editor of The Baptist Record, and one of our best writers and Baptists. Her oldest brother was Dr. C. H. Toy, for many years head of the department of Semitic language, at Harvard. Her youngest brother, W. D. Toy, is head of the Roman Language department of the University of North Carolina. We know of no woman of our Baptist Zion who was intellectually better connected, or richer in the graces of mind and heart. She possessed a critical knowledge of several languages. She was bred and re-born a Baptist and was loyal to her Lord and his church. She was the finished product of a chivalrous civilization that is fast receding, and for which the world is poorer. With grace and gentleness; might and modesty; she graced the royal realm of womanhood, and glorified the blessed name of woman.—American Baptist.

## FOREST

On Tuesday afternoon of this week we moved into our new church home for the pastor. You would expect us to be happy under such circumstances, but you cannot guess how happy we are until you see what a splendid home the church has built for us.

The Building Committee has spared no pains, the men in charge of the work have been as zealous and painstaking as if it were their very own, and every man who has worked on the job has seemed to catch the spirit of it. We have never been much more happy in a building program.

With deep gratitude to the Heavenly Father who is behind it all, and these fine friends, we try now to go afresh into the main thing—our ministry.

Our meeting starts on April 13th. Please pray for us. Come to see us when you can. We have a "Guest Room." Come try it.

Yours fraternally,

—D. A. Youngblood.

## In Memoriam

## In Memory of Mrs. Alice Pope

Early in the morning of March 24, 1930, the gentle spirit of Mrs. Alice Pope winged its way to that city not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

She had been suffering only two weeks, from a stroke of paralysis, during which time she was patient and brave, knowing that her Lord in whom she believed and trusted was able to keep that which she had committed unto him.

Circle No. 6 of Columbia W. M. U. will cherish the memory of this faithful member, who was present when her health permitted, and was always a pleasure to her for the Circle to meet in her home.

In early womanhood, she united with Cedar Grove Baptist Church, after which she moved to Columbia and became a faithful member of First Baptist Church.

To the bereaved children we extend our tenderest sympathy and commend them to Christ who doeth all things well.

Mrs. O. L. Jones,  
Mrs. Earl Jordan,  
Mrs. P. O. Robertson.

## NEWS NOTES FROM BALDWIN

Our Annual B. Y. P. U. Training School was held March 10-14 with an average attendance of 71 each night. We used only our local forces for this work.

Through training classes conducted by the pastor since Jan. 1st, eight Sunday School Normal diplomas have been earned, four others have received certificates for completion of Division One of the Manual, and six have earned the Administration Course diploma. A Class in Winning to Christ is being carried on now.

Wyatt R. Hunter thrilled our people Sunday morning, April 6th, with his great message on "The Bible." He also spoke for Pastor Thompson at Booneville Sunday night.

The Prentiss County Sunday School Association was organized at Booneville, Sunday afternoon, April 6th, with the following officers. Associational Superintendent, A. M. Overton, Secretary-Treasurer, W. G. Anderson, Supt. Group One, R. S. Oakley, Supt. Group Two, Guy Garner. There are sixteen churches in Prentiss County Association. Eleven of them maintain Sunday Schools. The next meeting of the Association will be with Oak Hill Church, Sunday afternoon, May 4th, at 2:30 o'clock.

Owing to the depressed business conditions the building program of the Northeast Mississippi Baptist Encampment has been postponed at least until this fall. This Encampment is to be located on Mt. Geewille five miles northwest of Baldwin.

The average attendance of our Sunday School for March was 128. Plans for an enlargement program are now being made.

Definite plans are being made by the church and pastor for a real evangelistic summer in "the regions round about" Baldwin.



FROM ARGENTINA

The first thing we did after the wheat harvest was to have two weeks tent campaign in the town of Landeta, a place where the gospel had never been preached before. The attendance ranged between two and three hundred every night. We rented a little hall as there seemed to be so much interest, and the attendance has been around a hundred and fifty ever since. We trust that many will be won to the Lord. We have given away and sold some 150 Bibles and Testaments. At present Pastor Natalie Broda goes there, but I will soon have to take it over.

Another thing that we have accomplished was the organization of the church in Maria Susana with eleven members and others soon to be baptized. The church is starting off nicely; they are paying a part of their rent as well as sending some to the native mission Board. The attendance is generally good there, fifty and above. They have a Sunday School and Woman's Society. I am at present in charge of that work, going twice a month. It is forty miles away from here.

I have had two D. V. B. S. this summer, one in Maria Susana and the other in Las Varillas. I taught a course on the life of Christ in both places. Much interest was shown and all did some good work. I was especially anxious to get to these places as they have on effective Sunday Schools. If possible, I could give all of my time to this type of work during the summer months and have all that I could do. I already have several invitations for next summer.

The work here in Sastre and in San Jorge is moving along slowly but is moving. Here in Sastre we have been able to interest several new children in the Sunday School. In San Jorge the attendance is about as usual, but some new ones come to Sunday School. They about have cash in hand to add a room to their church building.

The native convention was encouraging in general. Six new churches were received. There was a net increase for the year of about 400. All committees and boards reported progress in general. The Mission Board has sent a new worker to North Argentina. The Radio Committee plans to enlarge its work this coming year by transmitting from Rosario as well as from Buenos Aires.

The attendance was twenty in Maria Susana and fifty in Las Varillas.

—T. B. Hawkins,  
Sastre, Argentina.

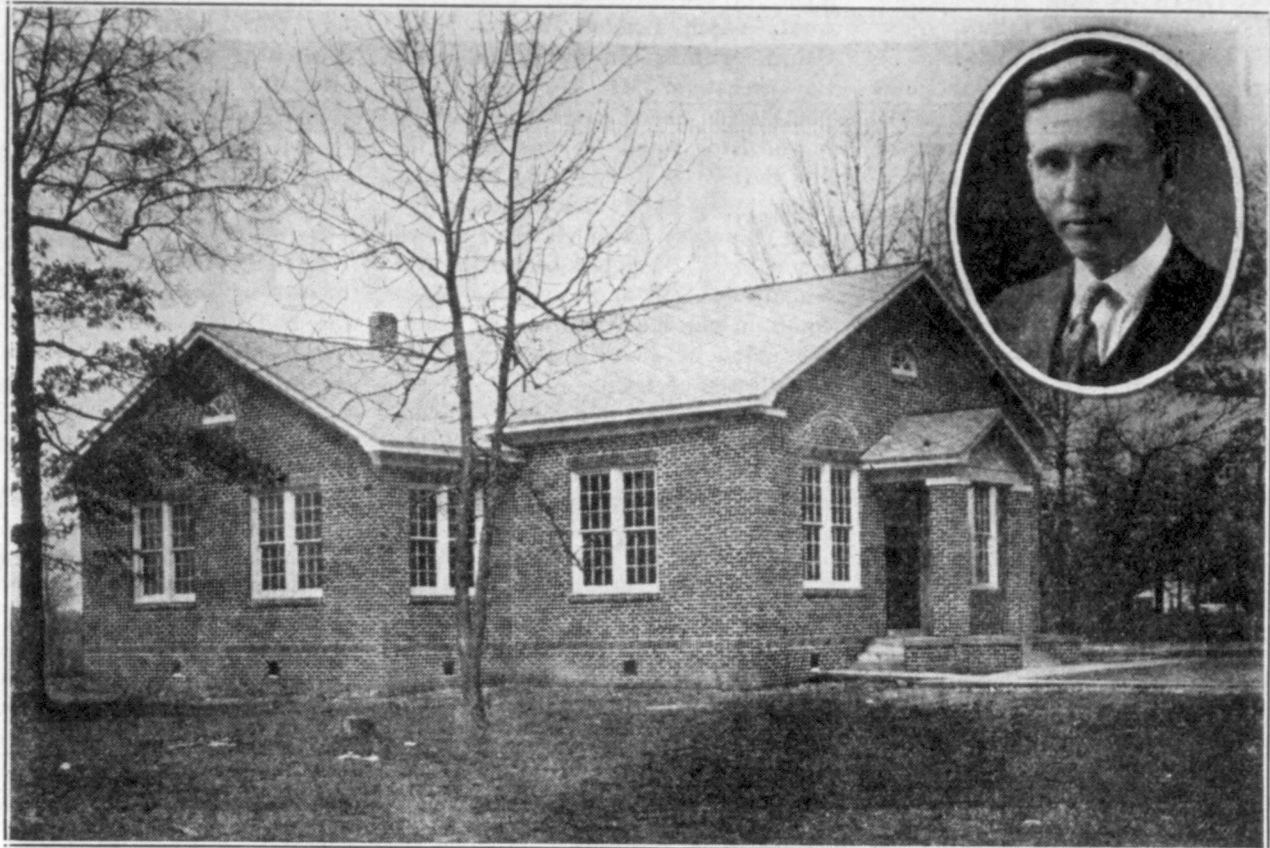
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Green—"I thought I heard a lot of noise these last few nights in the flat above us."

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This building is made of brick and tile with asbestos roof and concrete foundation. The main body of the building is 36 feet by 64 feet. The auditorium is 36 feet by 50 feet. It has six Sunday School rooms of comfortable dimensions. The building is equipped with a Baptistry, a

hot air heating system, and electric lights.

The church began definite planning for the construction of this building the first Sunday in August, 1929, and the first service was held in the building the first Sunday in February, 1930.

Derma is a small town and the

church has rather a small membership of limited means. Therefore, the building was made possible only by the genuinely sacrificial efforts of the membership. Unto the Lord is due all the praise. The insert is the picture of Rev. J. M. Spikes, the efficient and faithful Pastor.

BROOKSVILLE

The Brooksville Baptist Church is in the midst of enjoying good things. Some weeks ago "Consecrated Income" made a deposit at the Bank of Brooksville and notified the pastor of the Baptist Church of same, instructing him, with a designated committee, to refinish the inside of the entire church, which included paper and paint. In response to this the church membership decided to refinish the floor and put new carpeting and draperies to match the color scheme of the paper and paint. The choir loft was enlarged and musical instruments re-arranged for better musical effects.

In this newly beautified home a good Sunday school institute was conducted by Bro. Lloyd Garland, in which twelve took examination on the book "The Doctrines of Our Faith." Led by the pastor and his wife and Mr. John Wilson, young deacon and intermediate leader, the three B. Y. P. U.'s had a profitable study course in which forty took examination on the books: Juniors, "Bible Heroes"; Intermediates, "The Meaning of Church Membership"; and Seniors, "Training in Church Membership." The men and women of the church furnished refreshments and the women served same to the classes.

On the night of Easter Sunday the choir, directed by Mrs. T. H. Freeny will lead the public in worship with the cantata, "Life Eternal."

In the refreshed church home, beginning April 27, the church membership will be led in soul refreshing by Rev. Harry L. Spencer, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and Mr. Alvon Doty, sweet singer of Jackson. We sin-

cerely seek your prayers that we may be refreshed and begin anew to leaven our community.

—C. O. Estes, Pastor.

—BR—

A BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE EXPERIENCE

(By L. E. Green, Student)

This experience came to me last summer while I was holding a meeting in a small town. In this town was a very brilliant and educated young doctor who was not a Christian, never attended any church services and had never had a preacher in his home. I cultivated his friendship and finally gained an entrance into his home.

He brought up the question of religion, and I began quoting scripture to him. He thought it was leading to a good argument, but it was to me an opportunity to get some great truths over to him. He didn't believe in the deity of Christ, virgin birth, inspiration of scriptures, and holiness of God. I finally got him to accept the Bible on an equal basis with history. In answering his arguments of science and logic I would always drop in a great historical fact concerning the deity of Christ by having him to read it from his Bible. After a great while he quit arguing and began asking questions, but I continued the scripture and he would read as I would ask him. Finally in the early hours of the next morning, with his eyes filled with tears, he interrupted me in my searching the scriptures by taking hold of my hand and asking me if this was what it all meant. I told him yes. He then accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour. When we had prayed we retired rejoicing in the great power of the Master to save.

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## BAPTISTS IN LOS ANGELES

Annie Foster Ellis

## A Much Honored Visitor

At a meeting of our particular Circle meeting, last Monday, April 7, we had quite a pleasant surprise. It is our custom to ask the questions in the current issue of Missions and find out how many have read that magazine, and, too, to impress those answers upon the minds of the ladies. One of the questions was, "What two men were, during the past year, presented with medals, for outstanding service, by the King of England?" The names of these two men were given with not more than the usual interest, in the lesson.

Presently, a guest was introduced to us, as a returned missionary from India, a Mrs. John Newcomb, and she told us at once, that the John Newcomb, whom we had just mentioned as one of those decorated by the King of England and Prince of India, was her husband! Imagine our surprise and joy, at having so honored a guest with us! Mrs. Newcomb told us many things of her and her husband's life in India, but she spoke mostly of their earlier days . . . their marriage and return to America, before he had dedicated his life to the Lord's work . . . when he did not love India, and never expected to return. He had been there in the service of the British Army, and she, as a missionary doing Educational work. She told of their call to the service, and of their preparation.

I wonder how many there are, who are reading this, were at the Seminary at Louisville in 1882, when the Newcombs graduated there? Mrs. Newcomb spoke very tenderly of the instructors and students of that place, and expressed a wish that she might, again, meet some of them. From there, they returned to India as Missionaries. They were there many years, and evidently did quite remarkable work. Upon their leaving, and at public meetings, addresses were made by both Christian and non-Christian representatives, expressing in some measure, their love and appreciation of the Newcombs. These addresses were printed in gold letters upon very fine paper and given to them. A hand decorated container, made of gold and silver, in which to carry the scrolls. It is an exquisitely beautiful piece of workmanship . . . and it was designed and directed by one of their non-Christian friends. In an otherwise plain space, were the names of John and Sara Newcomb . . . the dates of their arrival and departure, and the following quotation from Philemon:

"Much joy and comfort in thy love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed thru thee, Brother."

Mrs. Newcomb is in Los Angeles, visiting some relatives. When she had finished speaking, I could not help telling her that I was from the Southern Baptist Convention Territory. She asked about many of the older people, whom she and Mr. Newcomb had known. I feel sure, that should any of her friends read this, she would appreciate a line from them. Altho the Prince of India had named her husband as one to be decorated, and plans had been

made for the ceremonies, when they would reach London, where King George was to pin the medal upon the breast of Mr. Newcomb, the plans were never carried out. While in the Holy Land, he was taken ill, and never recovered. God took him home, but his body lies in the American Cemetery in that land of sacred memories . . . and the beautiful gold medal, with the name of John Newcomb on one side, and on the other, the name of the King of England and Prince of India.

Mrs. Newcomb is a lovely woman, brave and sweet and trustful. One could but receive inspiration and strength, from being in her presence.

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## "Passion Week"

We were surprised to see the following notice on the bulletin of a Baptist church of this city.

## Passion Week.

April 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

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## Easter Sunday

Resurrection Service—Morning.

Resurrection Musical Program—Afternoon.

Resurrection in Jerusalem—Evening.

The observance of Lent has been mentioned several times.

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Have just received a copy of song and message from dear Brother L. E. Hall. Brother Hall was our Pastor for a number of years, and we all love him and hope he may live to do much more work for the Lord.

—BR—

## NORTH CHINA MISSION

Tsinan, Shantung, China,  
Feb. 8th, 1930.

The cold winter has broken at last and there are signs of Spring. Old residents of this section of China say it has been the coldest winter since 1914. Many poor people froze to death all over North China. The cold weather added to famine conditions in a large area of China caused the death of thousands of people. In the famine districts, in spite of all that will be done, many people will starve to death during the next two months. Our field is not in the immediate famine district but we have many poor people who are hardly able to get enough food to keep soul and body together.

Having lived in China these ten years we have learned to expect Civil war to break out somewhere each Spring. This Spring is going to be no exception and preparations on a large scale are being made for a real showdown between the North and the South. Unless something like a miracle is wrought we will be in the midst of war in less than two months. Already some battles have been fought. Poor China. What a pitiable plight she is in. "From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds and putrifying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment" (Is. 1:6). Only the true Balm of Gilead, even Christ can heal and bring relief. From one standpoint the situation looks very dark and discouraging, but from another it is much brighter. In spite of all these would-be hindrances the Lord

is working and is calling out His elect throughout the entire land. Never have we had greater opportunities for preaching than we are having now. Nearly every where we go we find people anxious to hear, and hungry for the Bread of Life.

On a recent trip to the country villages I was asked to preach the funeral of one of our Christians who had died several weeks previous. A Christian funeral was something almost unheard of in that part of the country and needless to say there were several hundred people present, most of whom came to see what a "foreign" or Christian funeral was like. All these; or as many as possible, were gathered in the courtyard of brother Swin, whose wife was the deceased. There were present four Chinese preachers and one Bible Woman besides myself. A program had been arranged by these good people before my arrival as follows: Hymn, Prayer, history of deceased; her last words of testimony before passing; Scriptures, sermon, feast, procession to grave, sermon on Resurrection, etc. Each speaker took plenty of time to preach the Gospel, so we had about five sermons during the day. All the heathen, who had come because of curiosity listened intently and somehow I feel some of them will believe because of what they saw and heard that day.

On this same trip we preached in several villages where there were no Christians. In each case it looked as if most of the people of the village were present. Ordinarily there is not much excitement in these country villages. When one of the citizens breaks a law he is hailed before the village elder, or judge and tried. Such occasions afford excitement for the people and especially so since the trial is held in the open street. While we were preaching an old lady came up, thinking we were having a trial she walked right up to me and asked, "If a daughter-in-law fights her mother-in-law is it a sin, and what sort of punishment should she have?" One of the preachers quickly told her this was no tribunal, but only the bearers of the Jesus doctrine. She was invited to remain and listen, which she did and in a short while her wrath had left her and there was a changed expression on her face as she listened to the Words

of Life.

We need your prayers for ourselves and work. And do pray for more workers for this needy field.

—J. A. Abernathy.

—BR—

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May God in His infinite goodness and wisdom inspire us on to even greater efforts in His cause and to Him be the glory and praise for what we may accomplish in the furtherment of His kingdom.

—Nola B. Y. P. U.,

C. O. White, Reporter.

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